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THESE CROOKS AT
ONE TIME! WE'LL
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ANOTHER
TRIP!

IF UP TO
ME, I WOULD
LEAVIN' BAD
MEN TO
VULTURES!

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WHAT TERRIBLE FATE AWAITS THE BLACK DIAMOND AND BUMPER? WHO IS THE MURDEROUS SORE-LOSER WHO STALKS, WITH GLIMMERING KNIFE, TOWARDS THEIR BUNKS IN THE NIGHT? SEE INSIDE!



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IN THE DAYS OF THE DESPERADOES!

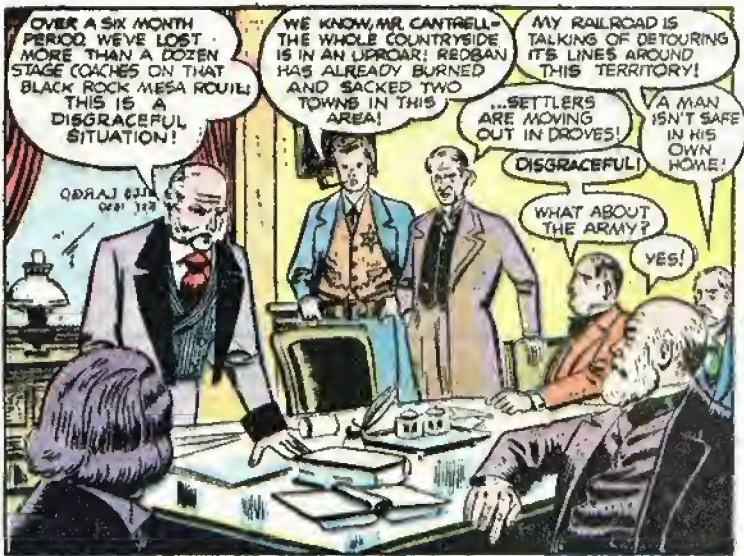
OF ALL THE BAD MEN WHO RODE THE UNFURROWED PLAINS OF THE TERRITORIES IN THE 1860'S, NONE STRUCK SUCH TERROR INTO THE HEARTS OF THE PEOPLE AS THAT BAND OF DESPERADOES WHO BURNED AND LOOTED A DOZEN TOWNS, LEAVING IN THEIR WAKE DEATH AND DESTRUCTION... THE MARK OF REDBAN'S RAIDERS: THE BLACK DIAMOND. A U.S. MARSHAL, MATCHES HIS WITS AND HIS MIGHT AGAINST IMPOSSIBLE ODDS: HIS CRY WORD IS, "STOP REDBAN!"

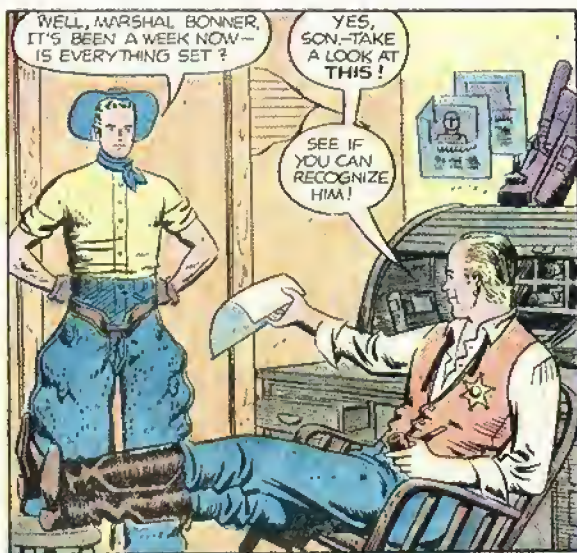


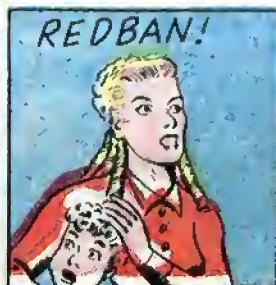
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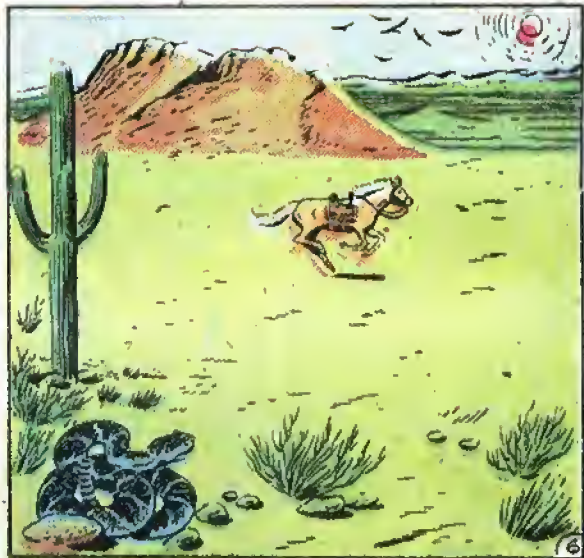
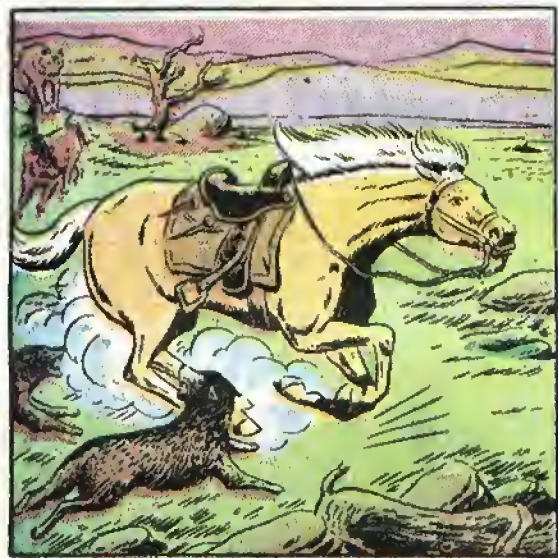
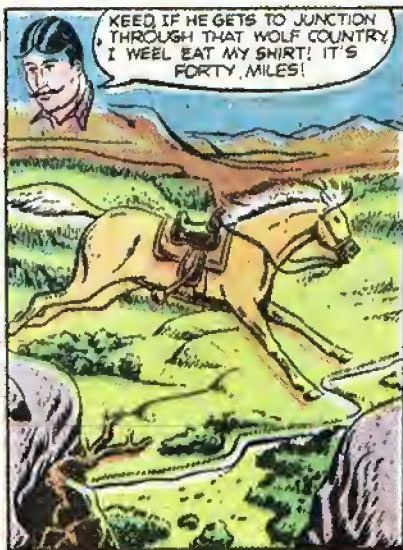
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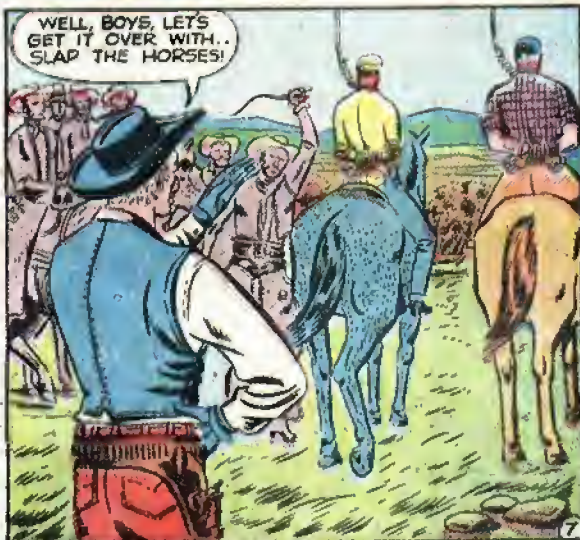
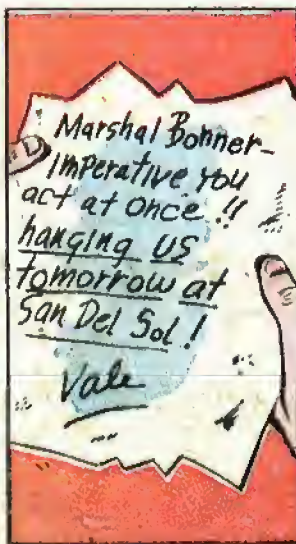








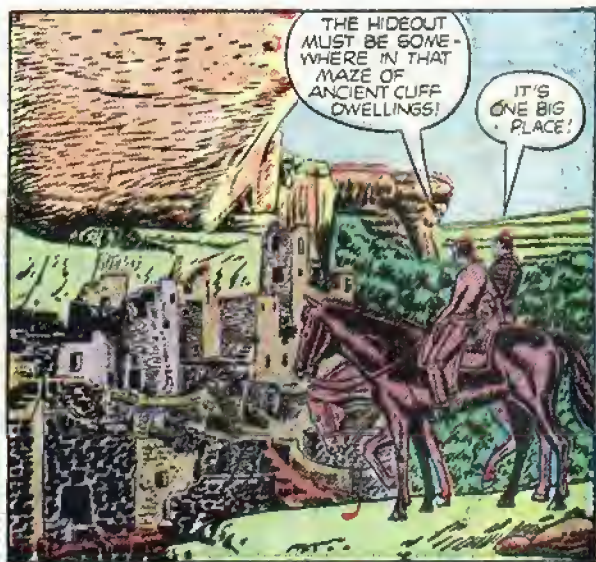








THIS TRAIL IS SO NARROW-NO WONDER REDBAN LAUGHS AT THE AUTHORITIES FOR TRYING TO INVADE HIS HIDEOUT! HE'D PICK THEM OFF LIKE FLIES!



THE HIDEOUT MUST BE SOMEWHERE IN THAT MAZE OF ANCIENT CLIFF DWELLINGS!

IT'S ONE BIG PLACE!



SOMEONE'S COMIN' UP THE TRAIL! LETS PICK 'EM OFF!

...HOLD ON-THERE'S ONLY TWO OF 'EM! GRAB 'EM-MAYBE THEY GOT SOMETHING VALUABLE!



WE CAUGHT THESE GUYS ON THE CLIFF TRAIL, BOSS! THERE'S NOTHIN' ON 'EM!

THEN WHAT'YA BOTHERIN' ME FOR? TAKE 'EM OUT AND DUMP 'EM OVER THE CLIFF!



NO, WAIT, SENOR REDBAN, WAIT... I RECOGNIZE THIS HOMBRE'S FACE!

-ME, TOO! SEE THIS POSTER I FOUND ON THE DEPUTY'S HORSE!



BY GOSH! HE'S RIGHT, BOSS! LOOK HERE!

HMM...SO HE IS-WHAT ARE YA LOOKIN' FOR UP HERE, KID!

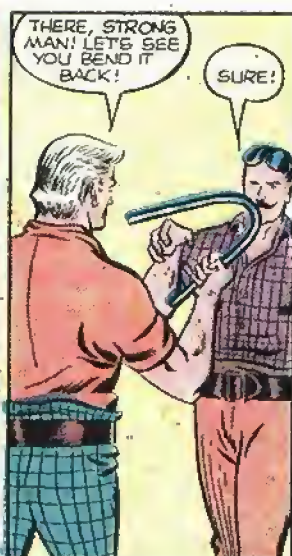
WE'D LIKE TO JOIN YOUR GANG, REDBAN! WE HEARD ABOUT YOUR RAIDERS DOWN ON THE BORDER AND HIGH-TAILED IT UP HERE! THIS IS THE KIND OF OUTFIT WE'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR!

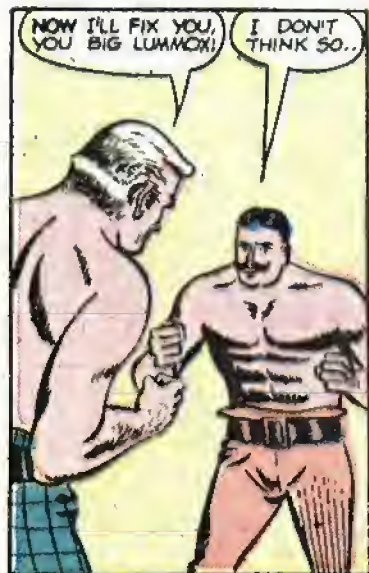


WE CAN ALWAYS USE A GOOD MAN-AND YOUR RECORD FIGURES OKAY! BUT WHO'S THAT GUY!

AW, JUST A RANGE TRAMP I PICKED UP ON THE TRAIL! HE'S NOT TOO BRIGHT, BUT PLENTY STRONG!

YEAH! PLENTY STRONG!









THE BOYS ARE
ALL SET, REDBAN!
LET'S GO!

WAIT, BOSS!
WHERE'RE THOSE
TWO NEW
GUYS?



WE AIN'T GOT
TIME TO WORRY
ABOUT THEM!
LET'S RIDE!



WE'RE ALMOST
INTO TOWN, BOSS!
AND IT'S QUIET
AS A TOMB!
WHAT DO YOU
MAKE OF IT?

NOTHIN'! THAT'S
HOW I LIKE IT!
WAIT TILL WE'RE
ON THE MAIN
DRAG—THEN OPEN
UP! WE'LL CUT
'EM TO PIECES!



HOLD IT, GANG!
IT'S A TRAP!

REDBAN! DROP YOUR GUNS
AND LEAVE YOUR HORSES!
YOU'RE SURROUNDED!



WHAT?
WHO?

SHOOT
YOUR WAY
OUT
BOYS!!



YOU
HEARD
'EM
MEN!

THEY'RE
AGIN'
FOR IT!



THEY GOT US FROM
ALL SIDES, BOSS!
WE'RE TRAPPED!

THEY'LL
HAVE TO
CATCH ME,
BEFORE THEY
CAN HANG
ME!



BOB VALE, AS THE BLACK DIAMOND, BREAKS UP THE DEADLY SECRET SILVER GANG!

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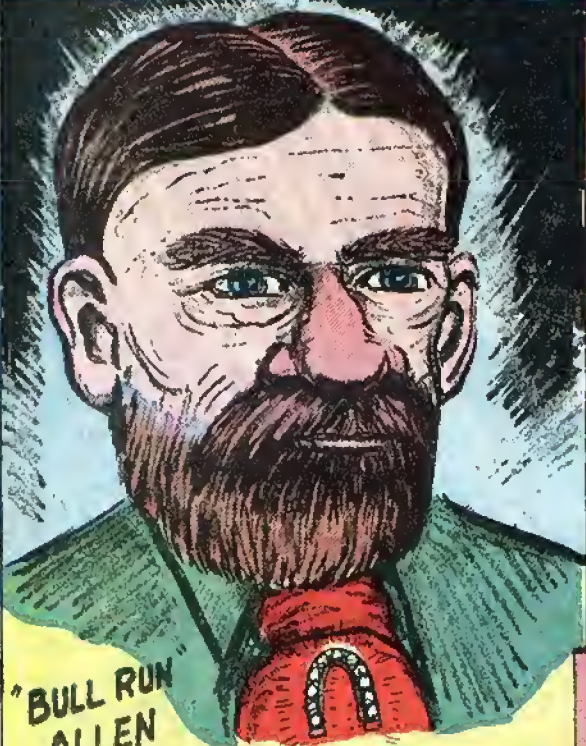
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by
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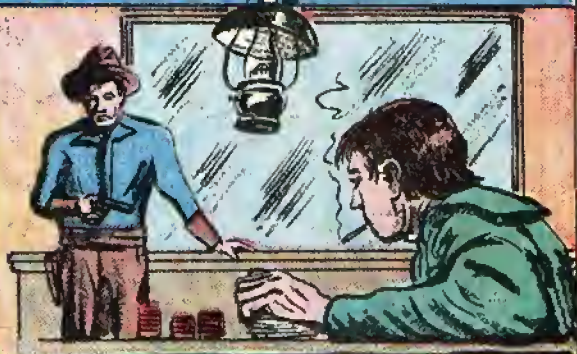
"BULL RUN
ALLEN

HAD A VERY LARGE RED NOSE

ABOUT WHICH HE WAS VERY SENSITIVE!

HE CARRIED A SALT SHAKER FILLED WITH FLOUR
WHICH HE FREQUENTLY SHOOK ON HIS PROBOSCIS
TO MAKE IT LOOK LESS CONSPICUOUS...

C-H. MOORE



JOHN RINGOS WALKED INTO A SALOON
in Galeville, Arizona, AND UP TO A POKER GAME IN WHICH
A FELLOW NAMED WEBB HAD JUST LAID DOWN
4 ACES TO WIN A LARGE POT — RINGOS SAID "IF I
KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT POKER, A 6-SHOOTER
BEATS FOUR ACES!"

HE POKETED \$500
FROM THE TABLE AND
WALKED OUT—LATER HE
WAS CAUGHT AND JAILED!



A DECLARATION OF WAR
BY AN INDIAN TRIBE WAS
TO SEND A TOMAHAWK
TO THE ENEMY, DIPPED IN
RED PAINT....

WHEN THE FIGHT WAS
OVER, THE PAINTED
TOMAHAWK WAS BURIED
TO SYMBOLIZE THE MAKING
OF PEACE — HENCE
"BURY THE HATCHET"



SPEAKING OF PRICES!

IN California, DURING
THE GOLD RUSH OF 1849,
EGGS SOLD FOR THE
FABULOUS PRICE OF
\$50 A DOZEN!



IT WAS A TRIBAL LAW OF THE INDIANS
THAT A MURDERER SHOULD BE KILLED
IN THE SAME MANNER IN WHICH HE
COMMITTED THE CRIME, BY THE VICTIM'S
NEAREST MALE RELATIVE...



TWO MULES DISCOVERED ONE OF THE LARGEST AND RICHEST
SILVER MINES IN Arizona — THEY BROKE AWAY AT NIGHT FROM
PROSPECTOR HANK WILLIAM'S CAMP — WHILE LOOKING FOR THEM, HE
FOUND THE GLEAMING METAL SCRAPED CLEAR OF DIRT BY THE DRAGGING
HALTER CHAINS ON THE MULES...



JACK WILLIAMS

HE PAID OFF HIS GAMBLING DEBTS WITH A BLAST OF GUN-FIRE—
BUT WHEN SHERIFF JAMES PLAYED HIS TRUMP CARD,
WILLIAMS WOUND UP BEING THE JOKER!

BRADLEY CAN'T
USE THE \$8,000
I OWE HIM NOW! I'VE
KILLED HIM AND MADE
IT LOOK LIKE HE RAN
OUT ON ME! AND THEY
CAN'T GET ME FOR IT
BECAUSE THEY
WON'T FIND THE
BODY!

THEY DON'T LIKE WELSHERS IN
WYOMING ANY BETTER THAN
THEY DO ANYWHERE ELSE —
JACK WILLIAMS KNEW THAT BUT
HE JUST PLAIN DIDN'T LIKE TO
PAY OFF HIS DEBTS—SO WHEN
HE LOST \$8,000 TO JOHN
BRADLEY HE DREAMED UP THE
"PERFECT MURDER" — OR SO
HE THOUGHT!

A TOWN IN CENTRAL WYOMING...

C'MON, WILLIAMS! LET'S
QUIT FOR THE NIGHT!
IT'S FOUR O'CLOCK!

AW, GIVE ME A
CHANCE TO GET
EVEN, BRADLEY!
C'MON, BE A SPORT!

OKAY, WILLIAMS!
YOU OWE ME \$4,000!
WE'LL DRAW A HIGH
CARD FOR \$8,000
OR NOTHING!

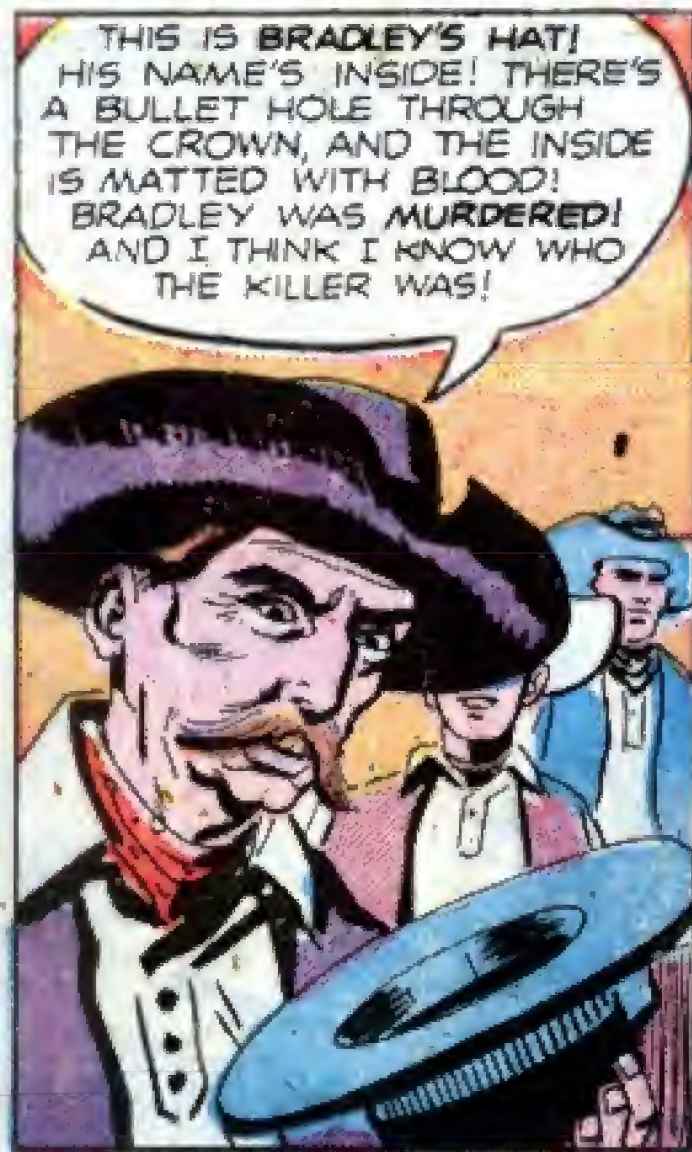
S-SURE!
THANKS,
BRADLEY!

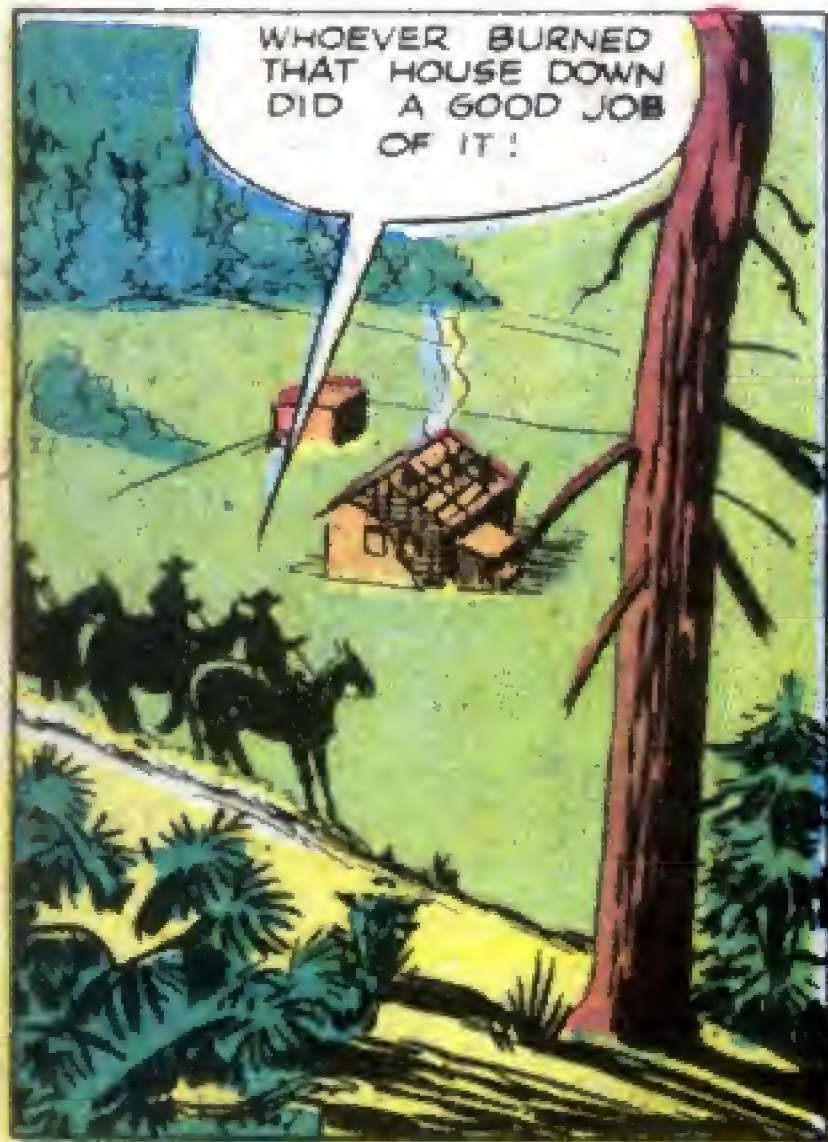
AN
ACE!

A QUEEN, DAMN IT! GIVE
ME ONE MORE CHANCE...
\$16,000 OR NOTHING!







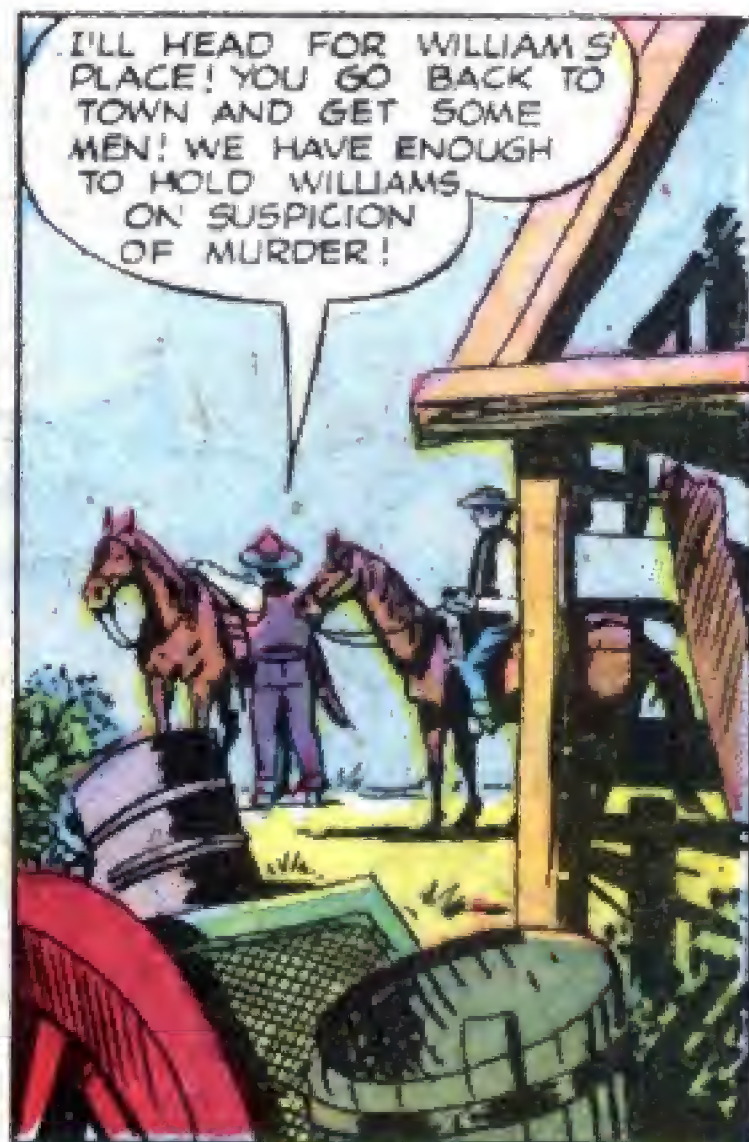


WHOEVER BURNED THAT HOUSE DOWN DID A GOOD JOB OF IT!



HERE'S AN EMPTY KEROSENE CAN! I GUESS IT WAS USED TO START THE FIRE!

LOOK! THERE'S BRADLEY'S BODY BURIED UNDER THOSE LOGS!



I'LL HEAD FOR WILLIAM'S PLACE! YOU GO BACK TO TOWN AND GET SOME MEN! WE HAVE ENOUGH TO HOLD WILLIAMS ON SUSPICION OF MURDER!



MEANWHILE, ON THE ROAD BACK TO TOWN,

SAY, THERE'S WILLIAMS DRIVING UP THE ROAD NOW...HEY, WILLIAMS, PULL UP A MINUTE!

OH, OH! THIS DOESN'T LOOK GOOD!



YOU'LL HAVE TO COME BACK TO TOWN WITH ME, WILLIAMS! THE SHERIFF WANTS TO TALK TO YOU!

WELL, TELL HIM IF HE WANTS TO TALK TO ME, HE'LL HAVE TO FIND ME FIRST!



ON SECOND THOUGHT, DON'T BOTHER TELLING HIM!

COME BACK, WILLIAMS! STQ...



HEY, SHERIFF, LOOK! THERE'S PETE LYING IN THE ROAD!

HE MUST HAVE MET WILLIAMS! C'MON!

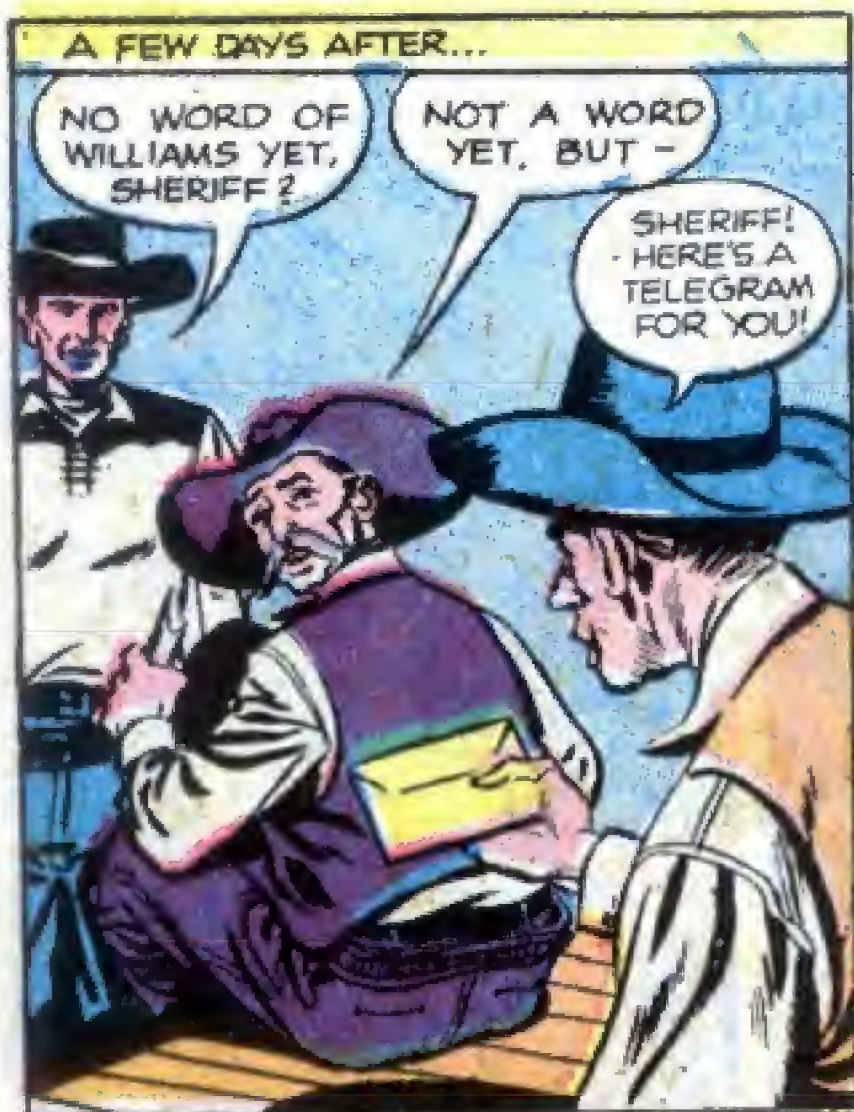


WAS IT WILLIAMS, PETE?

YEAH! HE JUST NICKED ME, SHERIFF! GO AFTER HIM! I'LL BE ALL RIGHT!



WE'LL SEND OUT A DESCRIPTION OF WILLIAMS! I'LL GET THAT MURDERER IF IT'S THE LAST THING I DO!





WHY DON'T THEY COME AND SHOOT IT OUT! I'M SO HUNGRY, I COULD EAT A HORSE!

HEY, WILLIAMS! HOW'D YOU LIKE SOME FRESH EGGS, AND A HOT CUP OF COFFEE?



HOW D'YA LIKE BULLETS IN YOUR COFFEE?

WATCH OUT, SHERIFF!



THAT'S ALL RIGHT, WILLIAMS! WE'VE BEEN EATING WELL FOR DAYS AND WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF COFFEE AND FOOD LEFT! STILL NOT INTERESTED IN FOOD?



OKAY, OKAY! I CAN'T STAND ANY MORE OF THIS! I'M COMIN' DOWN!



AS SOON AS YOU'VE FINISHED EATING, WILLIAMS, WE'LL BE MOVIN' BACK TO TOWN!

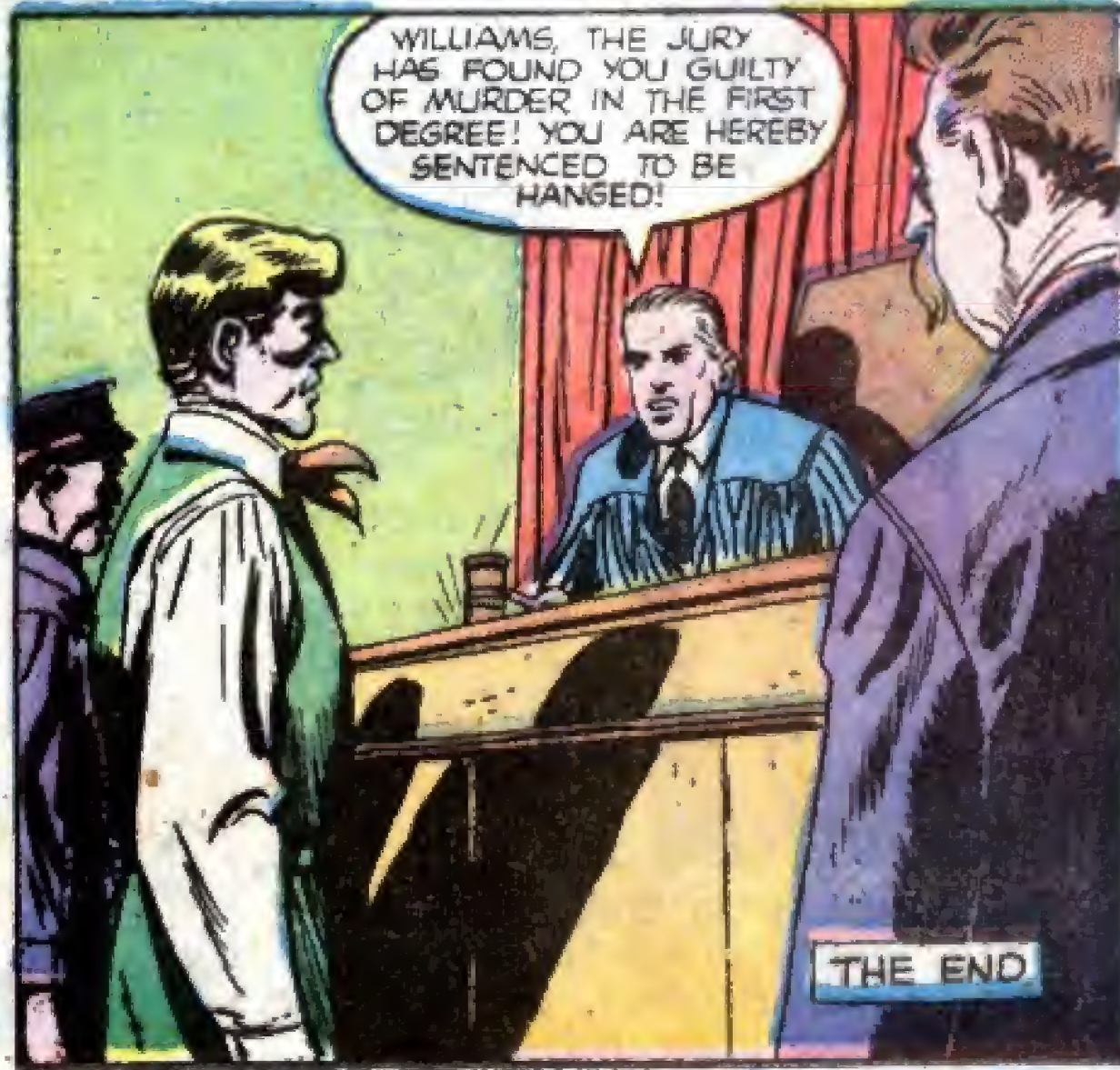


YOU CAN'T PROVE I KILLED BRADLEY ANYWAY!

IF IT MAKES YOU HAPPY TO THINK SO, IT'S OKAY WITH ME, WILLIAMS!



THE PROSECUTION HAS PROVED BEYOND DOUBT THAT WILLIAMS MURDERED BRADLEY! WE DEMAND THE DEATH PENALTY!



WILLIAMS, THE JURY HAS FOUND YOU GUILTY OF MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE! YOU ARE HEREBY SENTENCED TO BE HANGED!

THE END

STRAIGHT AS AN ARROW!

by C.H. MOORE
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THE
ORIGINAL

LEAGUE OF NATIONS WAS

ESTABLISHED BY THE IROQUOIS INDIANS IN THE 1600s
TO PROMOTE UNIVERSAL PEACE WITH ALL TRIBES
FOR THE SAFEGUARDING OF
HEALTH - HAPPINESS AND
HUMAN LIFE!

HEADED BY A COUNCIL
OF 5 CHIEFS FROM
THE MOHAWK - ONEIDA -
SENECA - ONONDAGA -
AND CAYUGA TRIBES



THE AMERICAN INDIANS SPOKE MORE
THAN 200 DIFFERENT LANGUAGES!

SIGN LANGUAGE DEVELOPED AS
A COMMON MEANS FOR ONE
TRIBE TO TALK TO ANOTHER!



ROUND BOATS

WERE USED BY THE MANKAN INDIANS -
THE ROUND FRAMEWORK OF WOOD
TWIGS WAS COVERED WITH
BUFFALO HIDE!



IN
PEACE
AND
IN
WAR!

COMBINED
TOMAHAWK
FOR WAR -
AND PIPE
FOR PEACE

THE WAR AXE HANDLE WAS HOLLOW
AND THE UPPER PORTION OF THE
AXE WAS REALLY A PIPE!

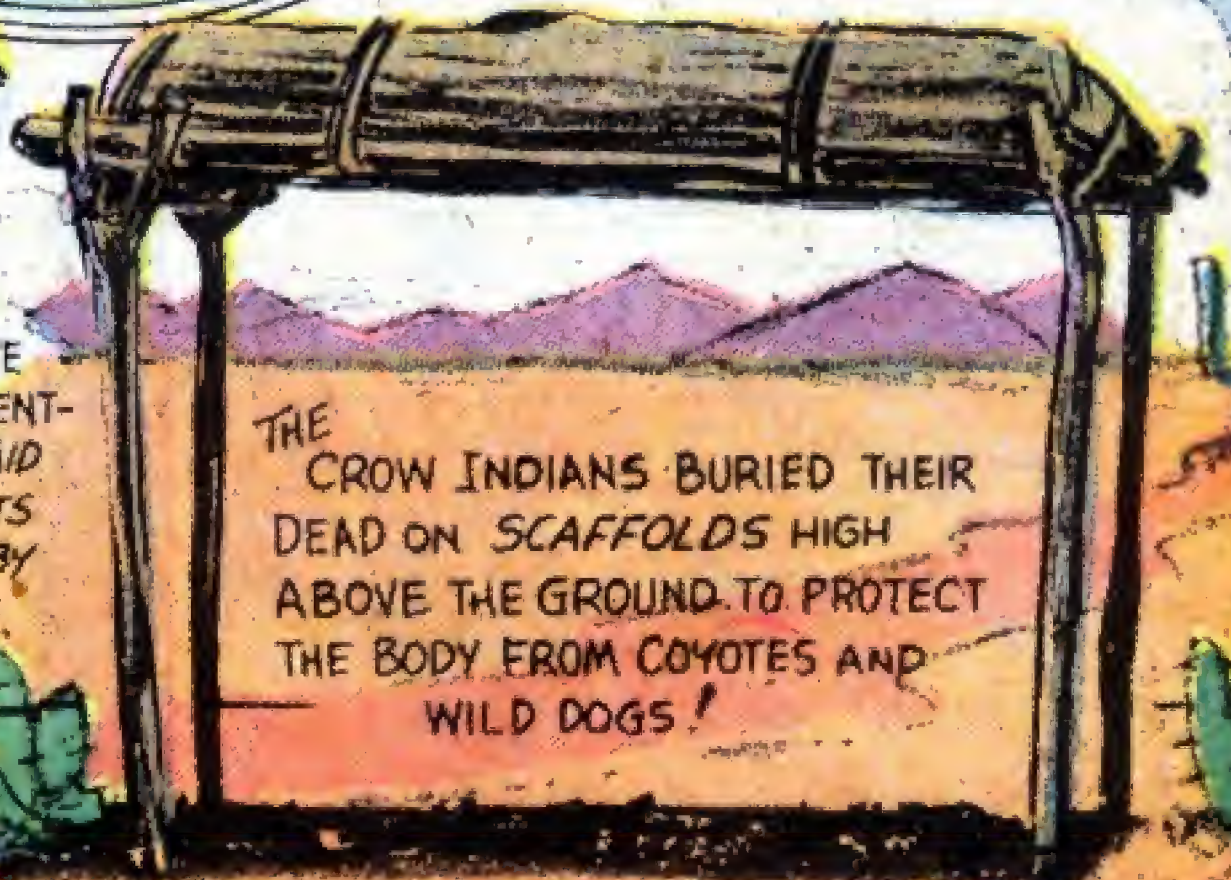


THE ZUNI WOMEN CARRIED WATER
GREAT DISTANCES IN 5 GALLON JUGS
- WHICH THEY BALANCED ON THEIR HEADS
WITHOUT USING THEIR HANDS!



SEA SHELL MEDALS

WERE GIVEN TO INDIAN
CHIEFS WHO MADE PEACE
WITH THE U.S. GOVERNMENT -
THE SHELLS WERE INLAID
WITH SILVER ORNAMENTS
AND GREATLY PRIZED BY
THE INDIANS



THE
CROW INDIANS BURIED THEIR
DEAD ON SCAFFOLDS HIGH
ABOVE THE GROUND TO PROTECT
THE BODY FROM COYOTES AND
WILD DOGS!

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WEST JESTS



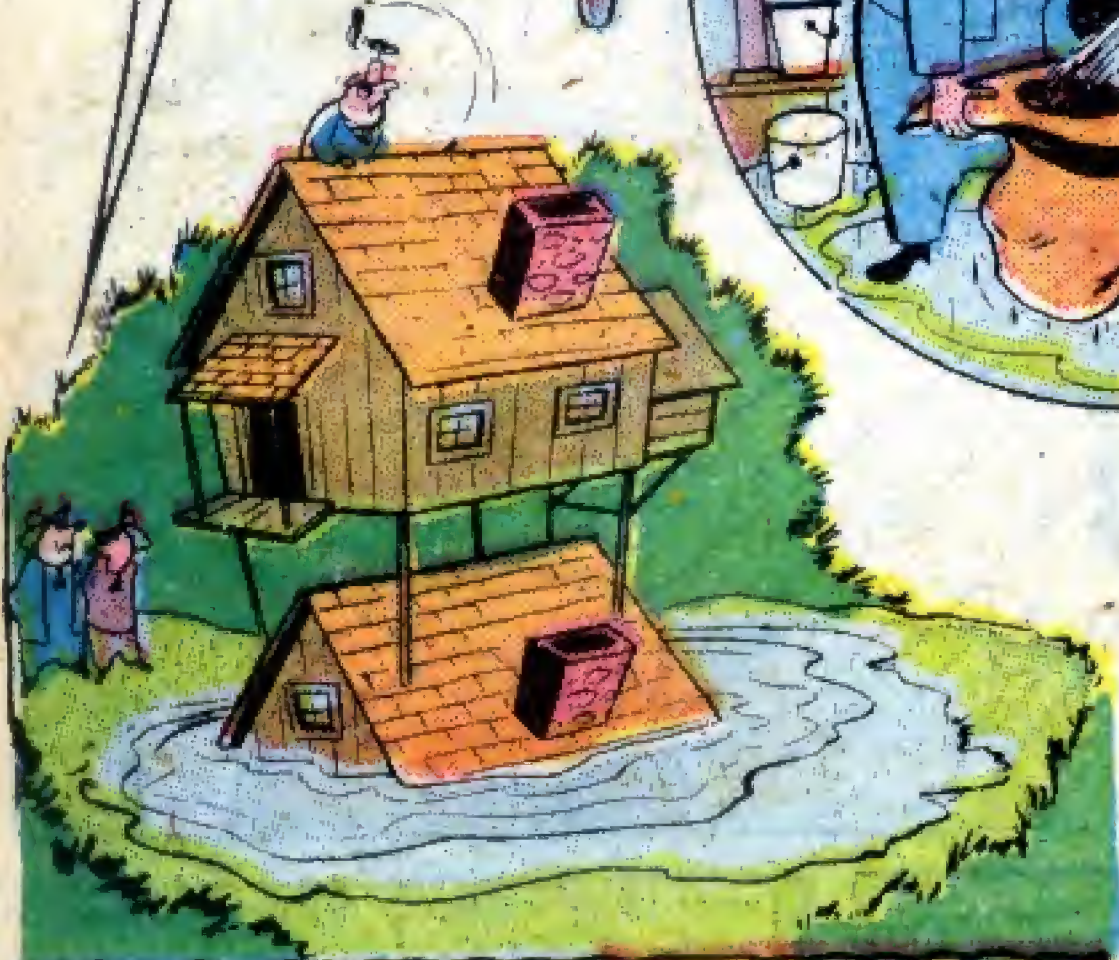
JUST THINK, EMMY, IN TWENTY YEARS WE'LL HAVE A HAMMOCK!

DANG! THEM NEW 'FELLERS OVERLOADED THE CANNON, AGAIN!

BANG!

ZOFFO & HUMAN CANNON BALL

POOR JEB! HE HAS TO BUILD A NEW ONE EVERY YEAR - HIS GROUND IS SETTLEIN'!



WA-A-AL, DANGED IF IT ISN'T A TEN-GALLON HAT!



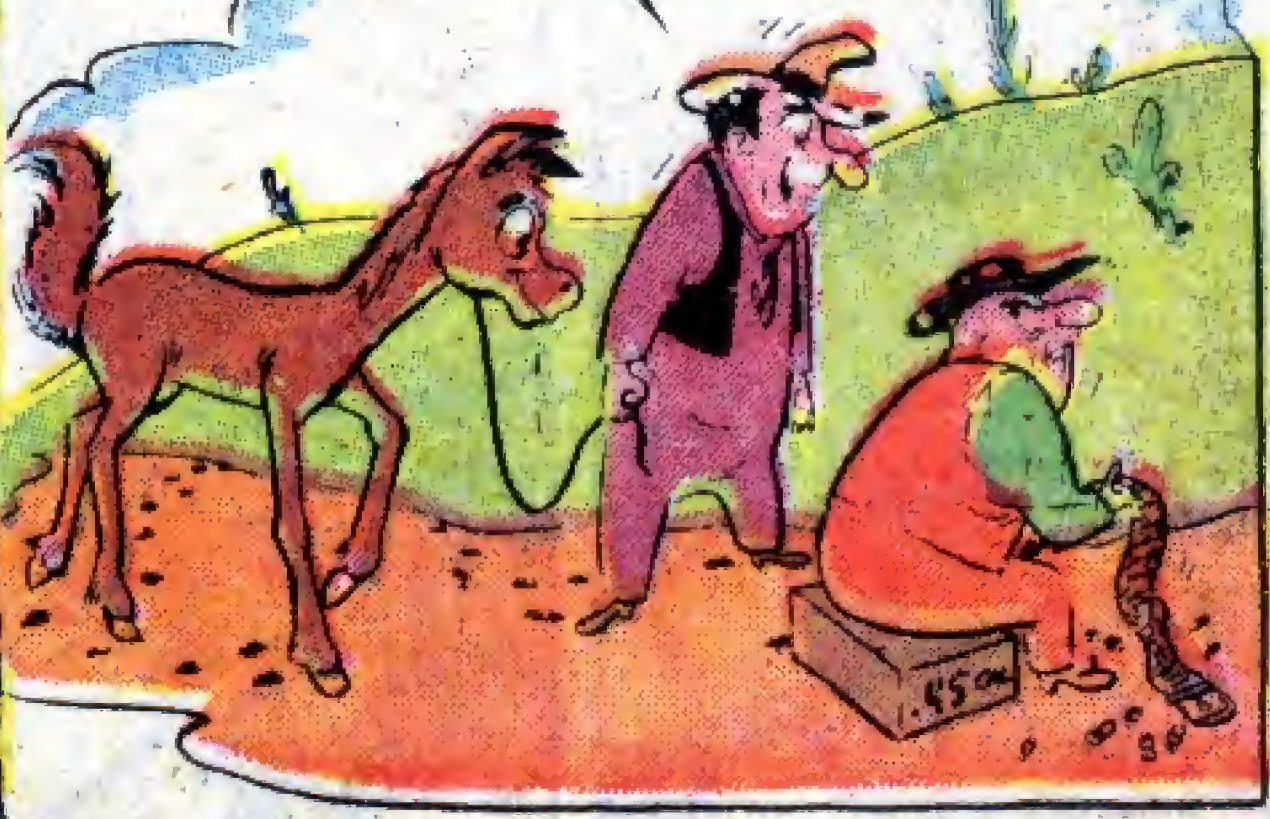
WHAT ELSE YA GONNA DO WHEN THEY ALL WANT THE FIRST SWING!



HERE'S YOUR COLT .45 - BOSS YOU DID SAY 45 DAYS OLD, DIDN'T YOU??

HANG IT, MARTHA! CAN'T YOU VISUALIZE HOW DOBBIN WOULD LOOK?

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BOB GRADY

ORPHANED BY A RAT NAMED MONTRELL,
HE HAD ONE GOAL IN LIFE—TO BRING HIS
PARENTS' MURDERER TO JUSTICE!

—1883



THIS IS THE SMOKY ATMOSPHERE OF THE SILVER DOLLAR SALOON IN SILVER CITY! IT IS A SATURDAY NIGHT IN JUNE, 1883...



IT'S FOURTEEN YEARS SINCE I'VE BEEN IN SILVER CITY! EVERYTHING'S CHANGED SINCE I WAS A KID! GOSH! I DON'T RECOGNIZE A SOUL!



HEY! HERE COME BAT MONTRELL AND HIS GANG!

THEY'VE PROBABLY BURNED OUT SOME MORE SMALL RANCHERS—THE LOUSY KILLERS!

DON'T LET BAT CATCH YA SAYIN' THAT!





MOVE!
NOBODY
GETS IN BAT
MONTRELL'S
WAY WHEN
HE'S THIRSTY!

MONTRELL!
THAT'S THE MAN
I'M LOOKIN' FOR!
BUT THIS GUY'S
TOO YOUNG -
HE MUST BE
HIS SON...



COME
ALONG,
SANDY!

I HATE
RUNNIN' OUT,
BUT THAT
RENEGADE
WOULD SHOOT
JUST T'SEE
WHICH WAY
WE FALL!

...AND HE'S
CARRYIN' ON
WHERE HIS POP
LEFT OFF...



WHERE'RE
YA GOIN', WAYNE?
RUNNIN' AWAY?

I'M NOT
RUNNIN' AWAY,
MONTRELL, BUT
YOU'RE LOOKIN'
FOR TROUBLE
AN' I DON'T
WANT ANY!



WHY DON'T
YOU LEAVE THE
MAN ALONE,
MONTRELL?



WHY DON'TCHA
MIND YOUR OWN
BUSINESS?



HE GOT
BAT! GET
HIM, BOYS!



HE SHOT OUT
THE LIGHTS!

WHERE'D
HE GO?

BANG!
BANG!
BANG!

YOU'D BETTER
MOVE FAST, SON -
AND IF I CAN
EVER HELP YOU,
LET ME KNOW!



OW! THEY
GOT MY LEG! I
CAN'T RIDE FAR
WITH THIS SLUG IN
IT - BUT I CAN'T FIGHT
IT OUT **SINGLE-HANDED**
WITH THAT MOB! C'MON,
GINGER - GET
MOVING!

THERE
HE IS!

GET
'IM!

AFTER
HIM,
BOYS!

BANG!

BANG!

SILVER
DOLLAR



GINGER'S TOO TIRED TO OUTRIDE THOSE HORSES MUCH LONGER! MAYBE THEY'LL RIDE PAST WITHOUT SEEIN' ME!



THERE HE IS IN THERE, ANDERSON!

COME ON OUT, STRANGER - WITH YOUR HANDS UP!

ANDERSON! I KNOW THAT NAME!



ALL RIGHT! WE'LL SMOKE YOU OUT! GET 'IM, BOYS!



YOU GOT 'IM! COME ON!

BANG!



WHY DON'T WE FINISH HIM INSTEAD OF BRINGIN' HIM BACK TO TOWN, ANDERSON?

BECAUSE IF WE KILL HIM IT'LL BE ALL THE EXCUSE THE SHERIFF NEEDS TO HANG US - AND HE'S BEEN LOOKIN' FOR ONE! SO WE'LL LET THE SHERIFF TAKE CARE OF HIM HIMSELF!



I COME BACK TO BRING MONTRELL TO JUSTICE FOR MURDERING MY FOLKS - AND INSTEAD I GET THROWN INTO JAIL FOR KILLING A MAN WHO DREW ON ME FIRST!



WHA... WHO ARE YOU? WHY ARE YOU GETTIN' ME OUT?

NEVER MIND NOW - THERE'S A MOB AFTER YOU! THE SHERIFF WENT FOR HELP, BUT HE MAY BE TOO LATE! YOU'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE!



BUT I DON'T UNDERSTAND - WHO ARE YOU? WHY DID YOU RESCUE ME?

I'M SUSAN WAYNE! THAT WAS MY FATHER YOU SAVED FROM MONTRELL LAST NIGHT!



WELCOME TO THE DOUBLE X, SON! I GUESS SUSAN WAS RIGHT IN THINKING SHE'D HAVE A BETTER CHANCE GETTIN' YOU OUT THAN ONE OF THE MEN!

THE DOUBLE X! THIS IS MY RANCH! I DIDN'T RECOGNIZE IT IN THE DARK! WAYNE MUST HAVE BEEN WITH THE GANG THAT LOOTED IT!

I'M VERY GRATEFUL - BUT I CAN'T STAY! I DON'T WANT TO BRING THAT MOB DOWN ON YOU!





IS THERE SOMEPLACE WHERE YOU CAN GO FOR THE NIGHT?

AREN'T YOU COMING?



NO, I'M GOING BACK TO THE HOUSE!

GOOD! STAY THERE TILL WE COME FOR YOU!

I'LL GO TO THE ROUND-UP SHACK— YOU MUST HAVE PASSED IT COMING!



WHAT TH—? WHO ARE YOU, STRANGER?

I'M GRADY — THE ONE THEY'RE LOOKIN' FOR! LET'S GET THE OLD MAN INSIDE BEFORE THE SHOOTIN' STARTS!



GLAD YOU'RE HERE, GRADY—HERE, TAKE MY WINCHESTER!

THANKS — I'VE GOT A SURPRISE FOR THAT PACK OF JACKALS!



LOOKIN' FOR SOMEONE, MONTRELL?

CRASH



THERE HE IS! TEAR THE PLACE APART, AND REMEMBER— WE DON'T WANT ANY WITNESSES!

BANG! BANG! BANG!



IT LOOKS LIKE WE'VE STOPPED 'EM FOR NOW!

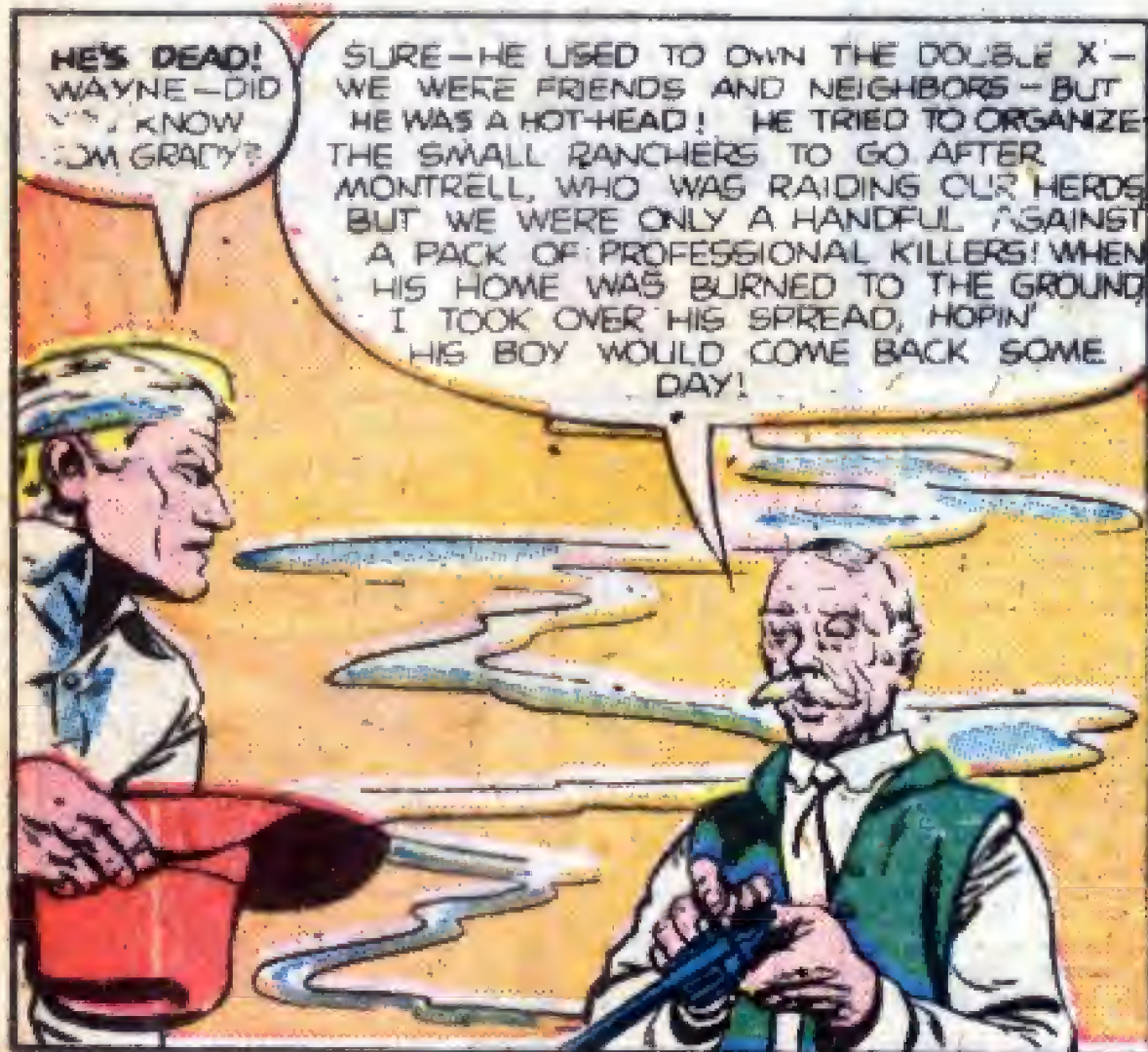
SON — LOOK OUT!

BANG



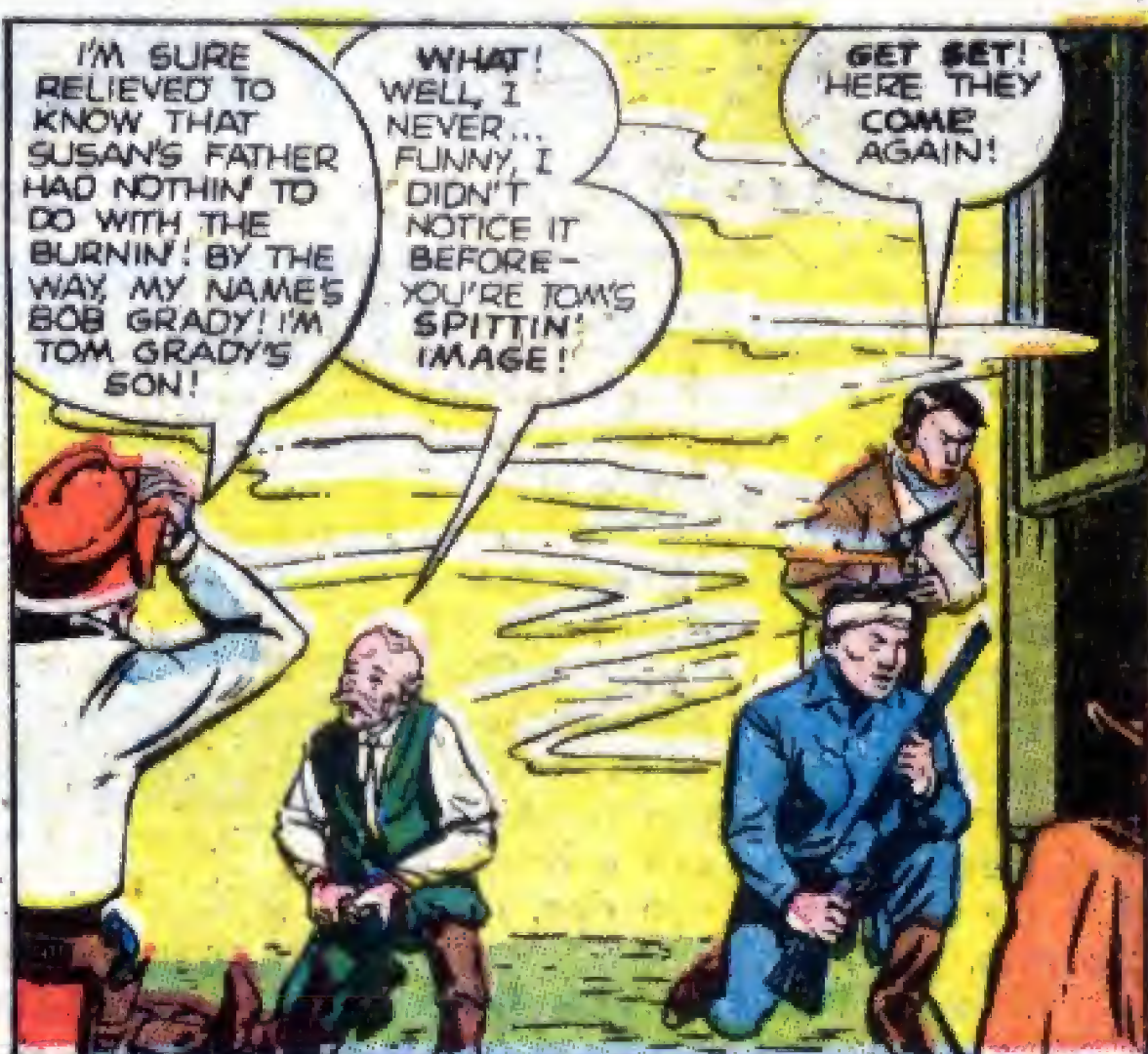
ANDERSON, YOU'RE DYIN' — YOU MAY AS WELL TELL THE TRUTH! WHO KILLED TOM GRADY?

I DID! MONTRELL MADE ME! COUGH — UGH —



HE'S DEAD!
WAYNE—DID
YOU KNOW
TOM GRADY?

SURE—HE USED TO OWN THE DOUBLE X—
WE WERE FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS—BUT
HE WAS A HOT-HEAD! HE TRIED TO ORGANIZE
THE SMALL RANCHERS TO GO AFTER
MONTRELL, WHO WAS RAIDING OUR HERDS,
BUT WE WERE ONLY A HANDFUL AGAINST
A PACK OF PROFESSIONAL KILLERS! WHEN
HIS HOME WAS BURNED TO THE GROUND,
I TOOK OVER HIS SPREAD, HOPIN'
HIS BOY WOULD COME BACK SOME
DAY!



I'M SURE
RELIEVED TO
KNOW THAT
SUSAN'S FATHER
HAD NOTHIN' TO
DO WITH THE
BURNIN'! BY THE
WAY, MY NAME'S
BOB GRADY! I'M
TOM GRADY'S
SON!

WHAT!
WELL, I
NEVER...
FUNNY, I
DIDN'T
NOTICE IT
BEFORE—
YOU'RE TOM'S
SPITTIN'
IMAGE!

GET SET!
HERE THEY
COME
AGAIN!



I DON'T THINK
WE CAN HOLD
'EM OFF MUCH
LONGER!

BANG!



NOW YOU'LL PAY
FOR KILLIN' MY SON!
PRAY, STRANGER!

MONTRELL!

CLICK!
CLICK!
CLICK!



SUSAN!

BANG!



YOU
SURE HAVE
A HABIT OF
TURNIN' UP
WHEN
YOU'RE
NEEDED!

I COULDN'T STAY
DOWN THERE! I
FOUND YOUR MARSHAL'S
BADGE IN YOUR SADDLE
BOOT—WE WERE
EXPECTING A GOVERN-
MENT LAW OFFICER
ANY DAY TO STOP THE
RANGE WAR MONTRELL
STARTED—BUT I HAD
NO IDEA IT WAS YOU!
WHEN I FOUND OUT, I
ROUNDED UP ALL DAD'S
NEIGHBORS! WE WERE
JUST IN TIME! MON-
TRELL'S GANG HAVE
ALL BEEN CAUGHT!



THE PATIENT
WILL LIVE,
DAD!

SON, YOU DID A
SWELL JOB FOR
SILVER CITY
TONIGHT, AND I
WANT YOU TO KNOW
I'M RETURNIN' THIS
RANCH TO YOU! OF
COURSE, IF YOU
COULD USE A
GOOD FOREMAN?

FOREMAN—START
LOOKIN' AFTER
THINGS!

THE END.



STAMPS

by Sidney M. Elias



Coffee

COFFEE to most of us is a drink taken with our food at meal times, but, to many people especially the Brazilians, it is their life's work, their livelihood, and their countries' most important product. In appreciation of what coffee means to them, the Brazilian Government issued a special postage stamp in 1938, showing two bags of Brazilian coffee and a branch of the coffee tree with ripe, red berries.

Although Brazil produces two-thirds of the world's supply of coffee, approximately two billion



Brazilian Coffee Stamp

pounds annually, many other nations located in Central and South America also produce millions of pounds annually. Colombia, with 325 million pounds per year is the second largest producer of coffee. The Colombians have for a number of years issued regular postage and air mail stamps featuring coffee cultivation, coffee picking and coffee berries. In addition to these countries, Salvador, Venezuela, Costa Rica, Liberia, and others have printed postage stamps honoring coffee.

The history of coffee dates back to the 15th Century when it was used by the Mohammedans in Mocha, Arabia, first as a means to keep them awake in their prayers and then as a beverage. It is believed that the Arabs brought back with them some of the berries which they found growing wild in Abyssinia. (Here's where you get the name Mocha Coffee.) In the 17th Century the Dutch brought coffee plants to Batavia, Java (Java Coffee), and in the 18th Century others brought plants to the West Indies and Central and South America. Coffee drinking was not introduced into Europe until 1551, when some travelers to Egypt and Turkey brought coffee berries back home with them.

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BLAZING HOUSES AND POISONED CATTLE SET JOHN GELLER ON A STRANGE TRAIL TO BRING A SALOON RENEGADE TO JUSTICE!

SHERIFF Jim Wisler turned back from the window to face his nephew. "So you're thinking of settling down in these parts, John," he said. He shook his head. "I sure wish you'd written before you came."

John Geller said, "But then I couldn't have surprised you, Uncle Jim. Anyway, what's wrong?"

"A certain Bart Millins—and everything's wrong with him," replied the sheriff.

"What is he — rustler, murderer, stage coach robber?" asked John.

"I wish he were a rustler or stage coach robber," the sheriff sighed. "Then I'd know how to deal with him. I'm pretty sure he's a murderer . . . but I can't prove it. Anyway, he's got the whole region terrorized!"

"How? What does he do?"

"All I know is, he owns a saloon . . . the Silver Eagle. And if business isn't good, things happen. If someone doesn't show up at his place for a week, something always happens to him—his house burns down, his cattle die, at the very least the bank forecloses the mortgage. Millins is presi-

dent of the board of directors."

"Can't he be stopped?" asked John.

"How? It's legal to foreclose a mortgage. We could stop him from burning buildings and poisoning cattle—if we could catch him doing it," the sheriff answered.



"Then how do you know it's all his fault?"

"You can know something and still not be able to prove it in a court of law, can't you?" Wisler demanded.

"Maybe I can help," his nephew suggested.

"You keep out of this," the sheriff said hastily. "I'm not going to be responsible to your ma if something happens to you. And speaking of her."

"I think I'll go for a walk, Uncle Jim," John said suddenly.

Before the sheriff could protest, Geller was on the street. A few yards away, he pushed his hat on to the back of his head, stuck an unlit cigarette in the corner of his mouth, put his hands in his pockets, and strolled down Main Street with a bored look on his face.

Sauntering into the Silver Eagle, he looked it over critically, sneered, ordered a double whiskey, tossed it down, wiped his mouth on the back of his hand, and ordered another.

Three men had been watching him from a table. The tallest of them came over to the bar.

"I'm Bart Millins. I own this place," he said. "Have a drink on the house."

"Thanks, pardner. The name's John Geller. I'm the sheriff's nephew."

"Visiting in these parts?" Millins asked.

"Nope. I'm planning on sticking around . . . if things work out right."

"Thinkin' of buying a ranch?" Millins went on.

"That's part of it," John

agreed. "But I don't want to rush into anything, so I'd like a job while I'm makin' up my mind. Maybe you could help me, Millins," he added.

"Maybe I could," Millins said, looking him over. "But maybe your uncle wouldn't like it if I did."

"That's no skin off my back," Geller said, shrugging. "As a matter of fact, the sheriff ain't much pleased with most of the things I do. Only he won't do anything about it, because, d'ya know, he's just terrified of my ma!"

Geller slapped his knee and roared with laughter. "It's the funniest thing you ever saw," he went on when he had recovered, "the way she's got him frightened!"

"All right, fella," Millins decided with a grin. "I'll take you on. You just stick around here and be useful—like not lettin' customers get too rough. If that works out, we'll see what else you can do!"

John Geller spent two weeks keeping the customers in line before Mullins decided he trusted him enough to use him on a job.

Some of his boys kicked, though.

"How do you know you can trust him, boss?" Bill Martin asked. "I don't get it anyway, this business of hiring the sheriff's nephew to work for us."

"You're not very smart, that's why you don't get it," Millins snapped. "The sheriff's nephew's gonna protect us against the sheriff! You boys haven't been caught doin' anythin' you shouldn't—yet. But if you ever are, I

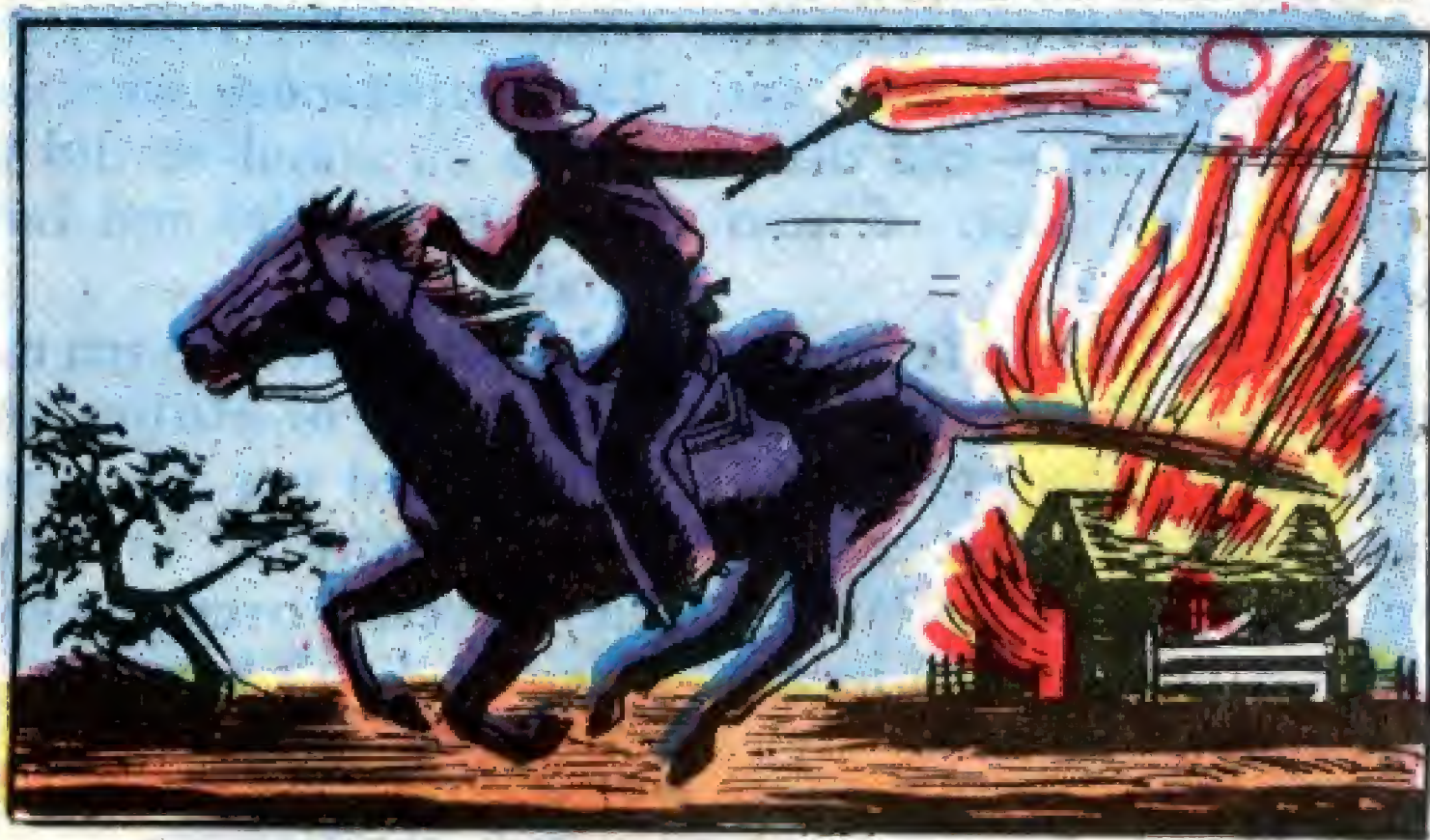
have a hunch it'll do a lot of good to have Geller around when it happens. He wasn't kiddin' when he said the sheriff wouldn't stop him, no matter what he did. Anyway, I'm going to try him out on a small job to begin with."

A farmer named Haskins had annoyed Millins, who said he was due for a warning. The warning consisted of burning down his barn.

As his first job, Geller took part in the burning, which went down in the rec-

Geller, along with the rest, knew why Millins hated Rackson. Rackson's daughter, Belle, was the prettiest girl and one of the richest heiresses in the county. To Mullins' surprise, if to no one else's, Rackson had first laughed, then threatened to shoot Millins when the latter announced that he intended to marry the girl. Belle had just laughed.

"Rackson's got a lot of money in the house," Millins said. "He sold most of his cattle and he hasn't been to



ords, along with hundreds of others, as of "unknown origin."

A week later he went with three others to poison another farmer's feed. The next victim was a storekeeper whose goods were smashed and whose window was broken. Millins did not go along on any of these raids.

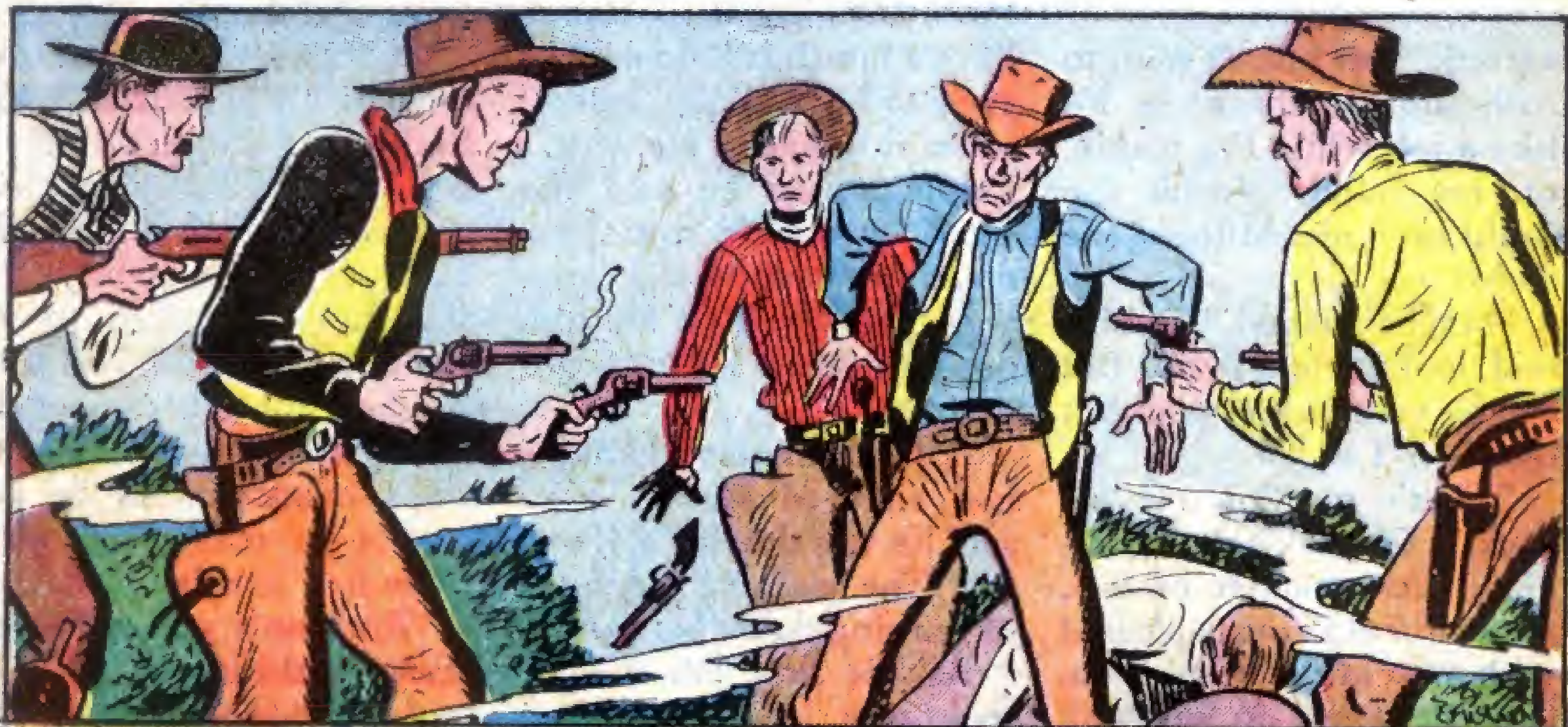
Geller had been working at the Silver Eagle for a little over a month when Millins called his whole gang together and outlined his latest plan.

"We're goin' after Slim Rackson, boys," he announced. "I've been intendin' to get him for a long time and tonight's the night."

the bank yet. Also, I hear he bought Belle some diamonds for her birthday. We're goin' after the stuff. I'm comin' along. We're gonna burn the place down—with Rackson and his daughter inside!"

At two o'clock the next morning sixteen men rode across rolling land to the Rackson house, which lay in a hollow and was invisible to its nearest neighbors, who were more than a mile away. The riders stopped on top of the hill, tethered their horses to trees and stumps, and moved quietly down on the sleeping house.

"This is gonna be a cinch," Millins gloated. "Geller and Martin'll come in with me to get the safe.



Six of you guys go over to the bunk-house and wait till you get my signal. Then set fire to the place—and don't let anybody out. C'mon boys."

No sound came from the bouse as the three men climbed on the porch, opened a window and entered the front room. Millins struck a match. "It's in the next room," he said.

He looked around, blew out the match and moved on. Inside, he said, "It's over here, boys," and led them to the farthest corner. "Now, pick it up, and. . ."

"Sure, Millins," Geller said in a loud voice.

"What the . . ." Millins began. His next words were choked off as a hand was clapped across his mouth.

"I've got the other one, John," a new voice said.

"Thank goodness," Geller said. "I knew you'd be here, but . . ."

"Never mind that now," said Sheriff Wisler. "Let's tie these two up and get the others."

Three minutes later John

waved a torch through the window of the front room. The desperadoes went into action . . . and so did the waiting deputies and farm-hands.

It was all over in ten minutes. A few of Millins' men managed to put up a fight for a minute or so before they were over-powered. The rest didn't have time to



recover from their surprise before the lawmen swarmed down on them. At two-thirty Sheriff Wisler and his nephew looked down on a floor completely covered with securely trussed bandits.

"Well, John," the sheriff said, "I guess we'll have some peace around here for awhile. Those guys you've

been raidin' will be glad to get back to business. They sure are grateful to you for warning them to get their valuables out before Millins' boys swooped down on them."

"I'm awfully glad Millins fell for that story Rackson spread about all his money and jewels," said John. "I thought he'd never come with us and I sure was getting tired of all those raids."

"I never thought I'd see the day when Bart Millins walked right into my waiting arms," the sheriff grinned, looking down at the saloon-owner. "You sure did a swell job, son. That reminds me, here's your badge. You may as well wear it now. You can't pull this trick again anyhow."

"I gotta laugh," Geller said, "when I think of Millins fallin' for that business about my bein' able to get away with anything because you're too afraid of ma to stop me."

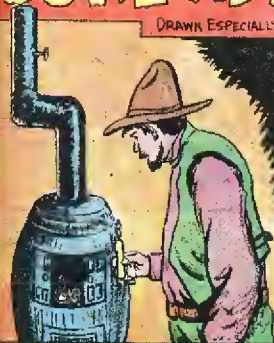
"Uhh . . . let's not talk about that, son," Sheriff Wisler said uncomfortably.

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SURE AS SHOOTIN'

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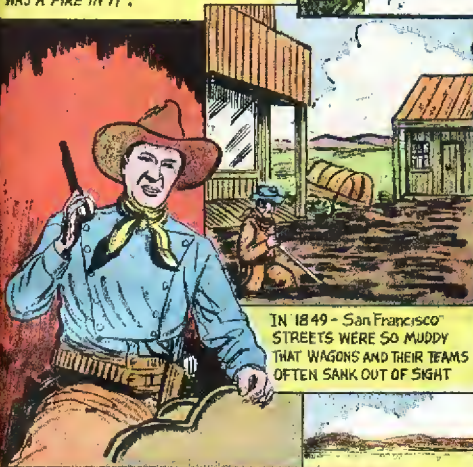
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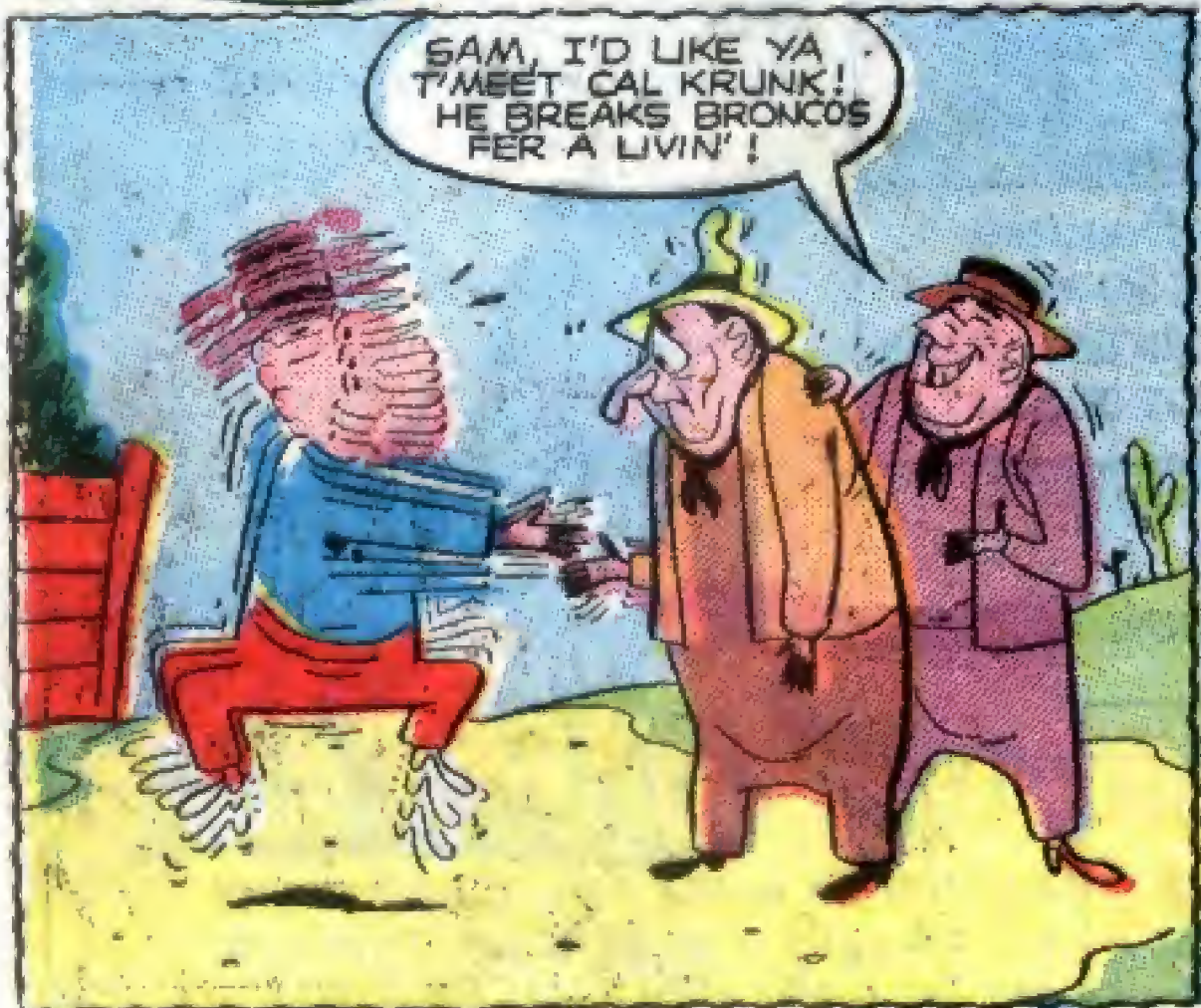
"TEN-BUCK" RYAN

HAD A TRICK HORSE THAT COULD STUMBLE AND FALL AS IF HE WERE SHOT - TEN-BUCK AND THE HORSE WOULD PLAY DEAD UNTIL THE ENEMY APPROACHED - THEN RYAN WOULD START SHOOTIN'

A RIOT BROKE OUT IN A TEXAS TOWN AND THE MAYOR SENT AN EMERGENCY CALL FOR HELP TO THE TEXAS RANGERS - ONE RANGER WAS SENT TO HANDLE THE RIOT - "WHAT, ONLY ONE RANGER?" ASKED THE MAYOR "WHY OF COURSE," ANSWERED THE RANGER, "YOU'VE ONLY GOT ONE RIOT!"

WESTERN WHACKIES

by RAP





DESPERADOES IN DISGUISE!

A CHANGE OF CLOTHING WOULD HAVE DUG A GRAVE FOR TWO INNOCENT MEN, SAM GAGE AND JOE TOLLIVER, IF THEY HADN'T DONE SOMETHING FAST AND DESPERATE ABOUT TWO KILLERS IN DISGUISE!

BUT YOU'RE MAKIN' A MISTAKE, SHERIFF! WE AIN'T THE DESPERADOES! THEY EXCHANGED DUDS AN' HORSES WITH US TEN MINUTES AGO, AN' HEADED UP INTO THE HILLS!

THEY'RE LYIN', SHERIFF! THESE ARE THE HORSES USED IN THE BANK STICK-UP—ONE A COAL-BLACK MARE AN' THE OTHER A SORREL!

AN' THIS IS THE BANK GOLD! THE BAG'S GOT THE BANK MARKIN'S ON IT!

THEM SKUNKS MUST'VE PLANTED IT ON US! I NEVER HAD THAT MUCH GOLD IN MY LIFE!

YOU WERE NEVER HANGED EITHER, FELLER! BUT YOU WILL BE!



LET'S GO, JAKE!

THE SUN'S GOT EVERYBODY IN THE SHADE! WE'VE GOT THE STREET TO OURSELVES!

RAISE 'EM, YOU BUZZARDS!

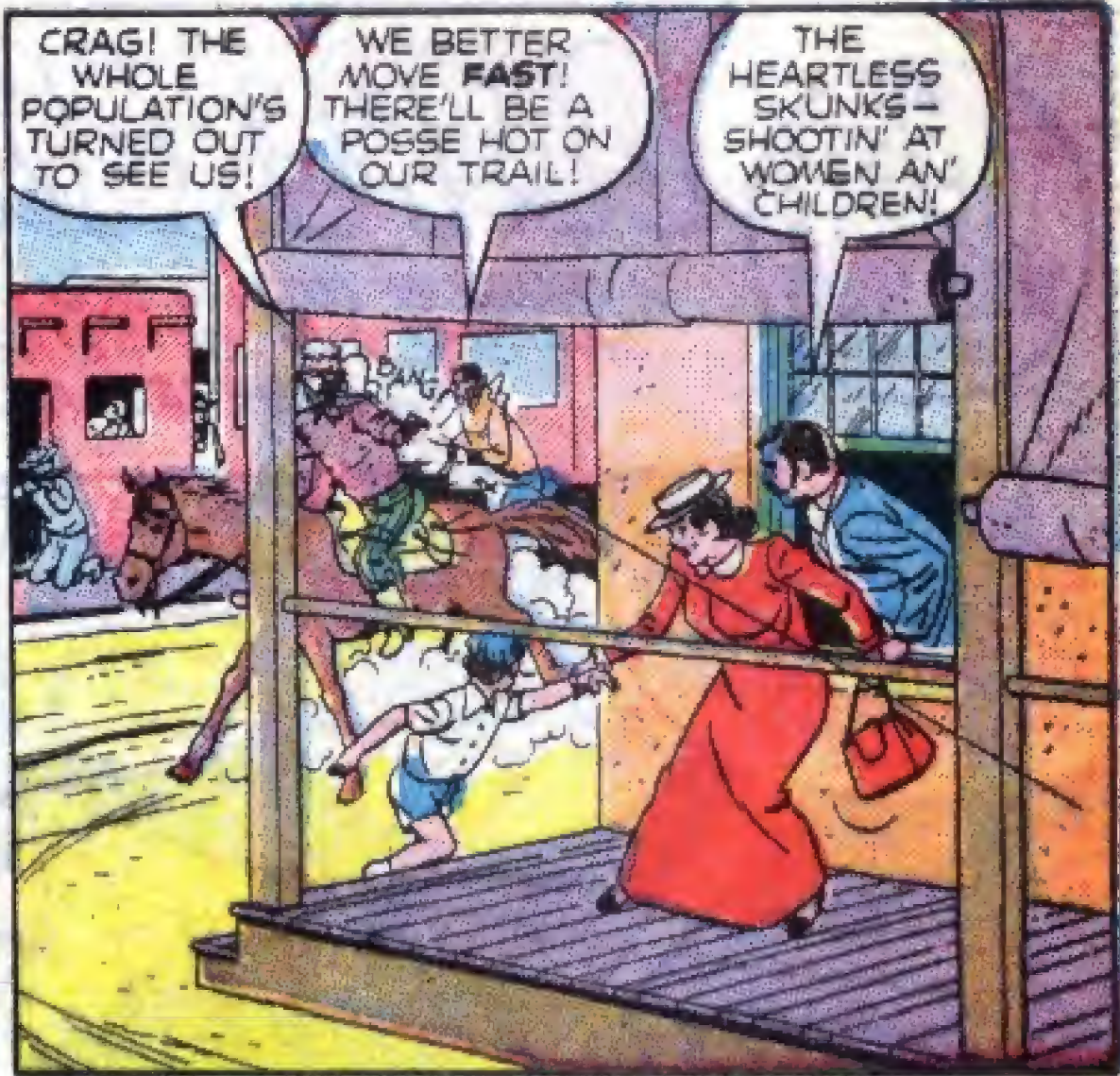
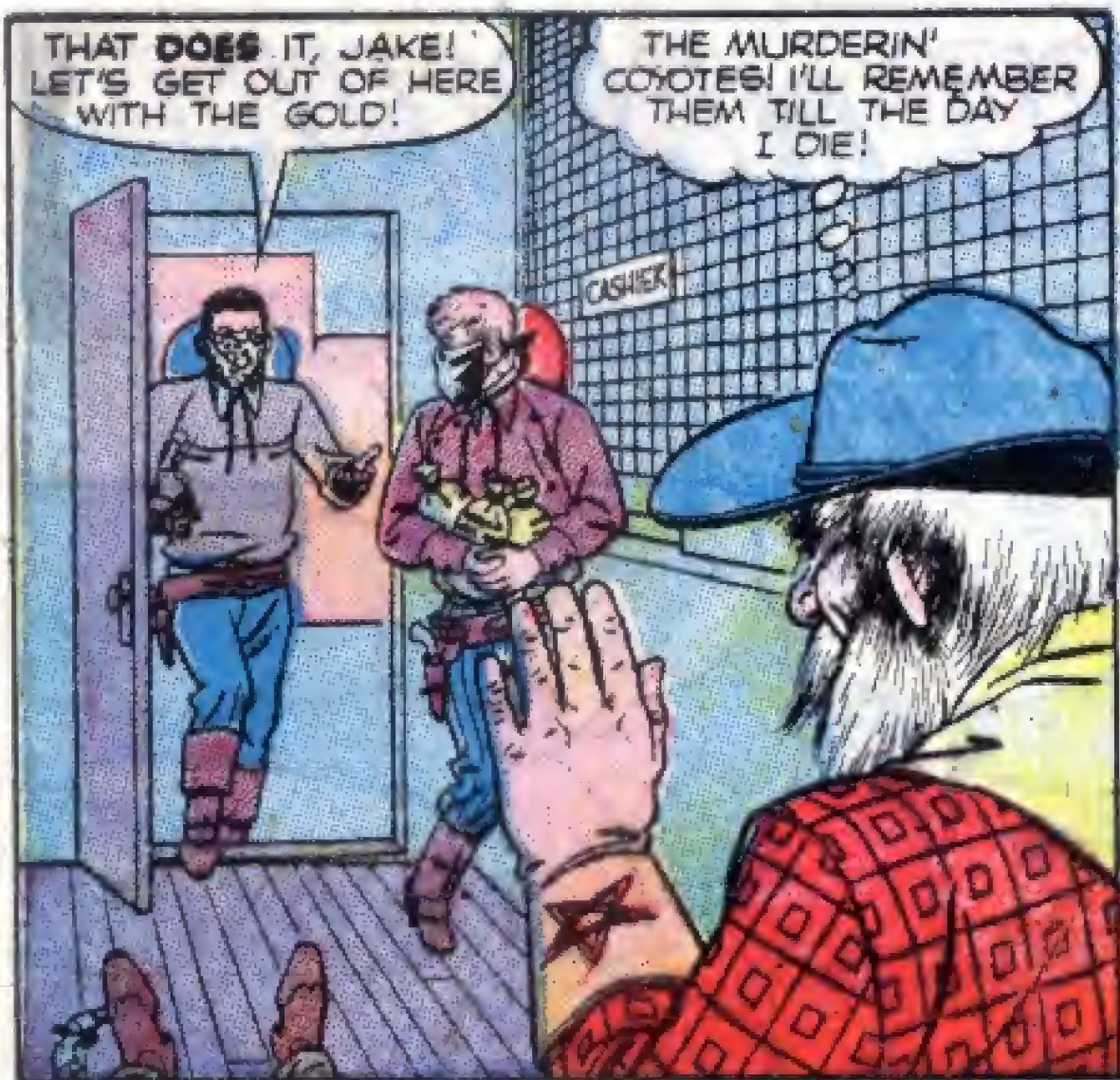
TOSS THE DOUGH THIS WAY AN' FORGET YOUR GUNS!

THERE'S ONLY TWO OF THEM! WHAT ARE WE AFRAID OF? WE CAN OUT-GUN 'EM!

THEY WANT TO BE MASSACRED, CRAG!

THAT ONE'S GOIN' DOWN GLUED TO HIS SIXER!







THERE'RE ONLY FOUR THINGS THE POSSE COULD KNOW ABOUT US... OUR HEIGHT, AN' SIZE, WHAT WE WERE WEARIN' AN' THE KIND OF HORSES WE WERE RIDIN'...



SUPPOSIN' WE SWITCHED GEAR WITH THEM AND LEFT A BAG OR TWO OF OLVERVILLE GOLD! IT WOULD BE WORTH IT TO FOOL THE POSSE!

CRAIG, YOU GOT THE BRAINS OF A COLLEGE PROFESSOR!



HELLO, STRANGERS! DISMOUNT AND REST A WHILE!

NO THANKS, PAL! JUST RAISE 'EM!

AND DON'T GO FOR A GUN! A .45. CAN BLOW A MEAN HOLE THROUGH YOUR HEART!



WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?

I'M A BIG MAN! I THINK UP BIG IDEAS! HERE'S ONE OF THEM! HERE'S ANOTHER!



BUT WHAT MAKES THEM STAY PUT TILL THE SHERIFF GETS HERE?

A BULLET THROUGH THIS GUY'S KNEECAP- HE WON'T WALK AGAIN!



I PUT A COUPLE OF BAGS OF GOLD IN THEIR PACKS AND I EMPTIED OUR GUNS OF CARTRIDGES! DID I FORGET ANYTHIN'?

NO! OWWW- THESE BOOTS ARE TOO SMALL! H-HOW COME SUCH BIG GUYS HAVE SUCH SMALL HANDS AND FEET?



WE CAN'T LEAVE 'EM UNCONSCIOUS! THEY'D TELL THE SHERIFF THAT WE KNOCKED THEM OUT AND STOLE THEIR CLOTHES AND HORSES!

THE SUCKERS! I'D LIKE TO SEE THEIR FACES WHEN THEY COME TO!



SAM! SAM! ...GET UP, SAM!

GROAN... M-MY LEG - WHAT'S HAPPENED, JOE? I-I CAN'T MOVE MY LEG!



GASP! JOE! M-MY KNEE... THEY SHOT ME IN THE KNEE! WHY?

DON'T ASK ME WHY, SAM! I DON'T KNOW WHO THEY ARE, OR WHY THEY CHANGED HORSES, GUNS AN' CLOTHES WITH US! LET'S JUST GET OUT OF HERE PRONTO AND GET YOU TO A DOCTOR!



SHERIFF—THOSE MEN RIDIN' TOWARD US! IT'S THEM! I RECOGNIZE THEIR CLOTHES AN' HORSES!

DON'T SHOOT! I WANT A LEGAL HANGIN'! BUT WHY ARE THEY RIDING TOWARDS US? THEY CAN SEE US PLAIN AS DAY!

IT'S A TRICK OF SOME KIND!



THANK HEAVEN WE MET YOU, SHERIFF! IS THERE A DOCTOR NEAR? MY PAL'S HURT BAD!

SO WE SEE! GET YOUR HANDS UP! WHERE'S THE GOLD YOU STOLE?

GOLD? WHAT GOLD?

LISTEN TO THE VARMINT! HE MUST'VE FIGURED THERE WAS NO ESCAPIN'—ESPECIALLY WITH THAT BUM KNEE!



JOE! I SEE IT NOW! IT'S THOSE TWO SKUNKS THEY'RE AFTER!

YOU FELLOWS HAVE THE WRONG GUYS! WE DID NOTHIN'! TWO GUYS JUMPED US AND VAMMOOSSED WITH OUR HORSES AND GUNS! THESE AIN'T EVEN OUR GUNS!

MAYBE THIS GOLD ISN'T YOURS EITHER! IT BELONGS TO THE BANK!



COME CLEAN! WHERE DID YOU BURY THE REST OF THE GOLD?

ARE YOU CRAZY? WE AINT OUTLAWS! WE'RE THE VICTIMS OF OUTLAWS! WHO DO YOU THINK SHOT MY KNEE—CAP OFF?



AND LOOK HOW ROOMY THESE BOOTS ARE! THEY COULDN'T BE MINE!

WHY DON'T YOU GUY'S STOP PRE-TENDING? A HUNDRED PEOPLE IN OLVERVILLE CAN IDENTIFY YOUR HORSES, GEAR AND CLOTHING!



ACCORDIN' TO YOU, THESE BOOTS COULDN'T BE YOURS BUT THEY ARE! SOME PEOPLE LIKE BIG BOOTS!

JOE—THOSE TWO SKUNKS MEANT US, TO HANG IN THEIR PLACE!

WELL, WE WON'T!



I DON'T LIKE TO DO THIS, SHERIFF, BUT I LIKE HANGIN' LESS!



WE AIN'T GOIN' TO HANG FOR TWO LOW-DOWN SKUNKS, JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE PIG-HEADED! DROP YOUR GUNS OR YOU'LL BE ELECTING A NEW SHERIFF!

FORGET ABOUT ME! GET THE COYOTE!

NO, SHERIFF! YOUR LIFE IS MORE IMPORTANT!



YOU THERE! KNOT YOUR BLANKET AN' GET YOUR PALS TO THROW THEIR GUNS INTO IT! PRONTO! I'M JUST MAD ENOUGH TO SHOOT THIS STUBBORN FOOL OF A SHERIFF!



NOW PASS IT TO MY PAL! SAM, PICK YOURSELF A NICE .45 AN' AIM IT THE RIGHT WAY!

CHECK! WHAT NEXT?

WE'RE GOIN' AFTER THE TWO SKUNKS THAT FRAMED US!



WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF IT, SHERIFF?

THEY'RE LYIN'! I'M FOLLOWIN' THEIR TRAIL! THREE OF YOU GO BACK TO OLERVILLE AN' GET SOME GUNS!

I DON'T BLAME THE POSSE FOR DOUBTIN' OUR STORY! I WOULDN'T BELIEVE IT MYSELF IF I WERE IN THEIR SHOES!

IF WE DON'T FIND THE REAL CULPRITS, WE'RE AS GOOD AS HANGED!



WE'LL FIND 'EM! THEIR HOOF MARKS LEAD TOWARD SUNPOCKET! HOW'S YOUR LEG?

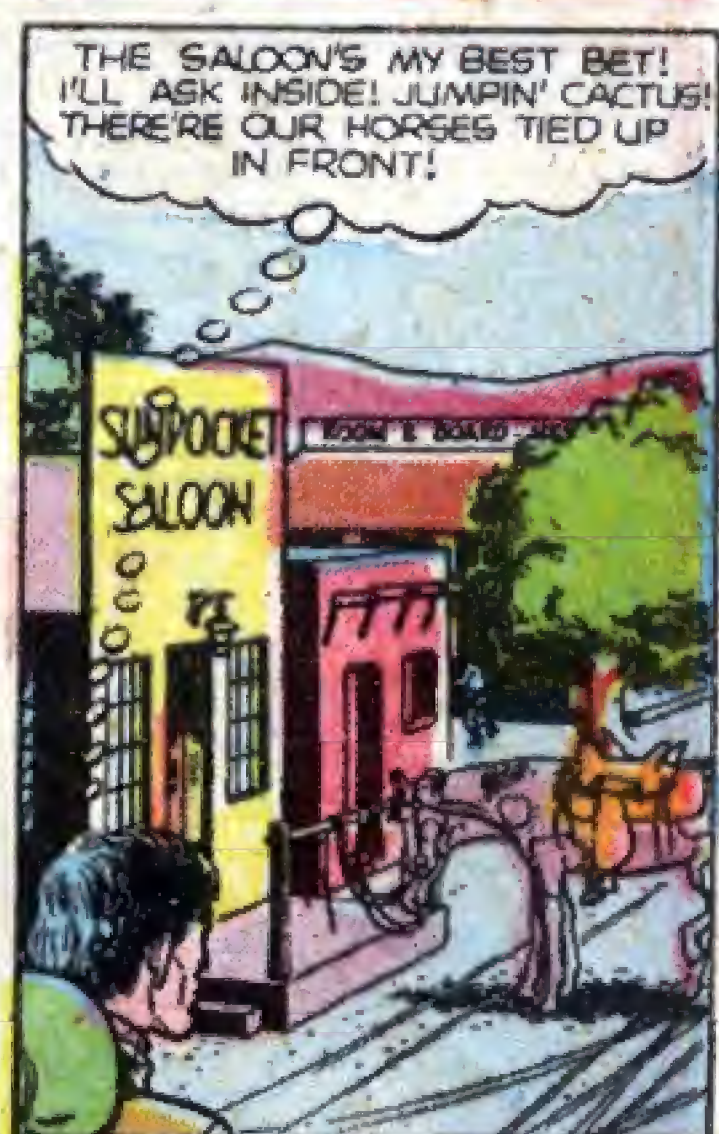
I'LL BE OKAY! IT'S A CHOICE BETWEEN MY NECK OR MY LEG, AIN'T IT?



YOU'LL BE ALL RIGHT! THE BULLET JUST GRAZED THE BONE!

SWELL, DOC! SAY, JOE, SUPPOSE YOU TAKE CARE OF OUR BUSINESS IN TOWN WHILE THE DOC FIXES ME UP?

OKAY, SAM! SEE YOU LATER!



THE SALOON'S MY BEST BET! I'LL ASK INSIDE! JUMPIN' CACTUS! THERE'RE OUR HORSES TIED UP IN FRONT!



C-CURSE THOSE GUYS! LOOK AT THESE BUSTERS ON MY FEET!

I'LL GET SAM! HE'D NEVER FORGIVE ME IF I LEFT HIM OUT!

SO WHAT? THOSE BOOTS SAVED YOUR NECK!



SAY, SHERIFF, DIDN'T WE GET A TELEGRAM FROM OLERVILLE ABOUT TWO GUYS WHO DRESSED LIKE THAT? I ALSO RECOGNIZE THEIR HORSES!

I'VE GOT THE MESSAGE INSIDE! WATCH THEM WHILE I CHECK IT!



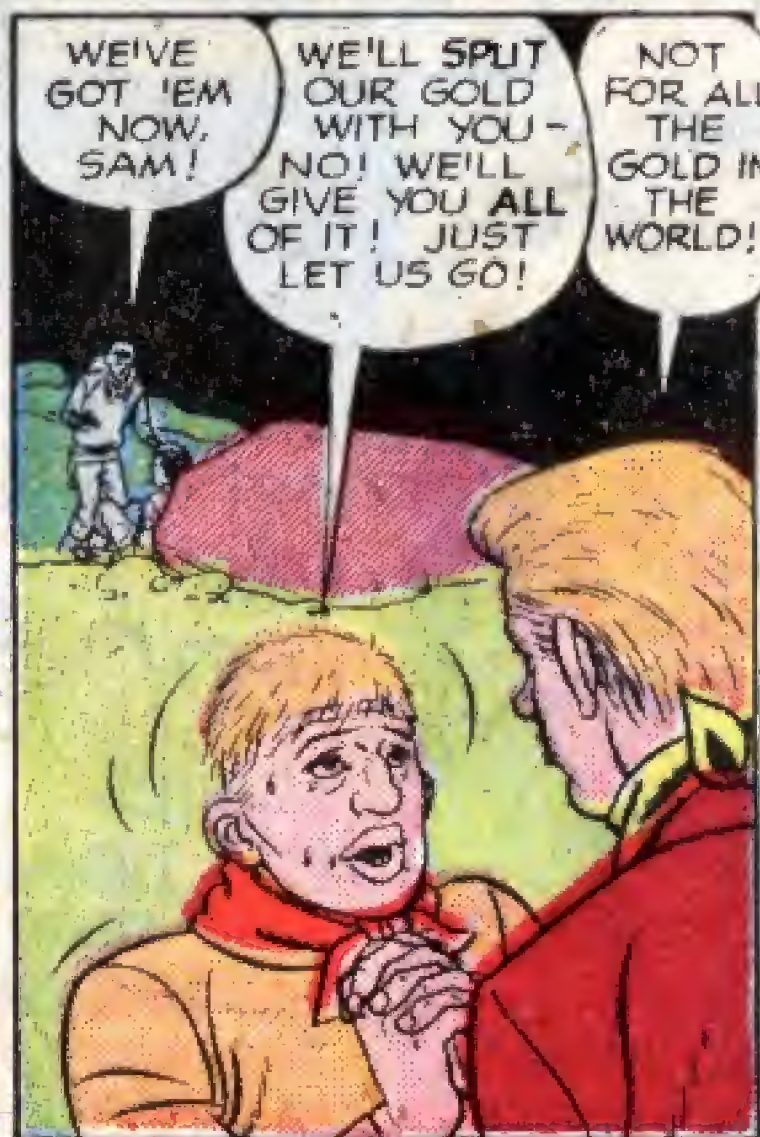
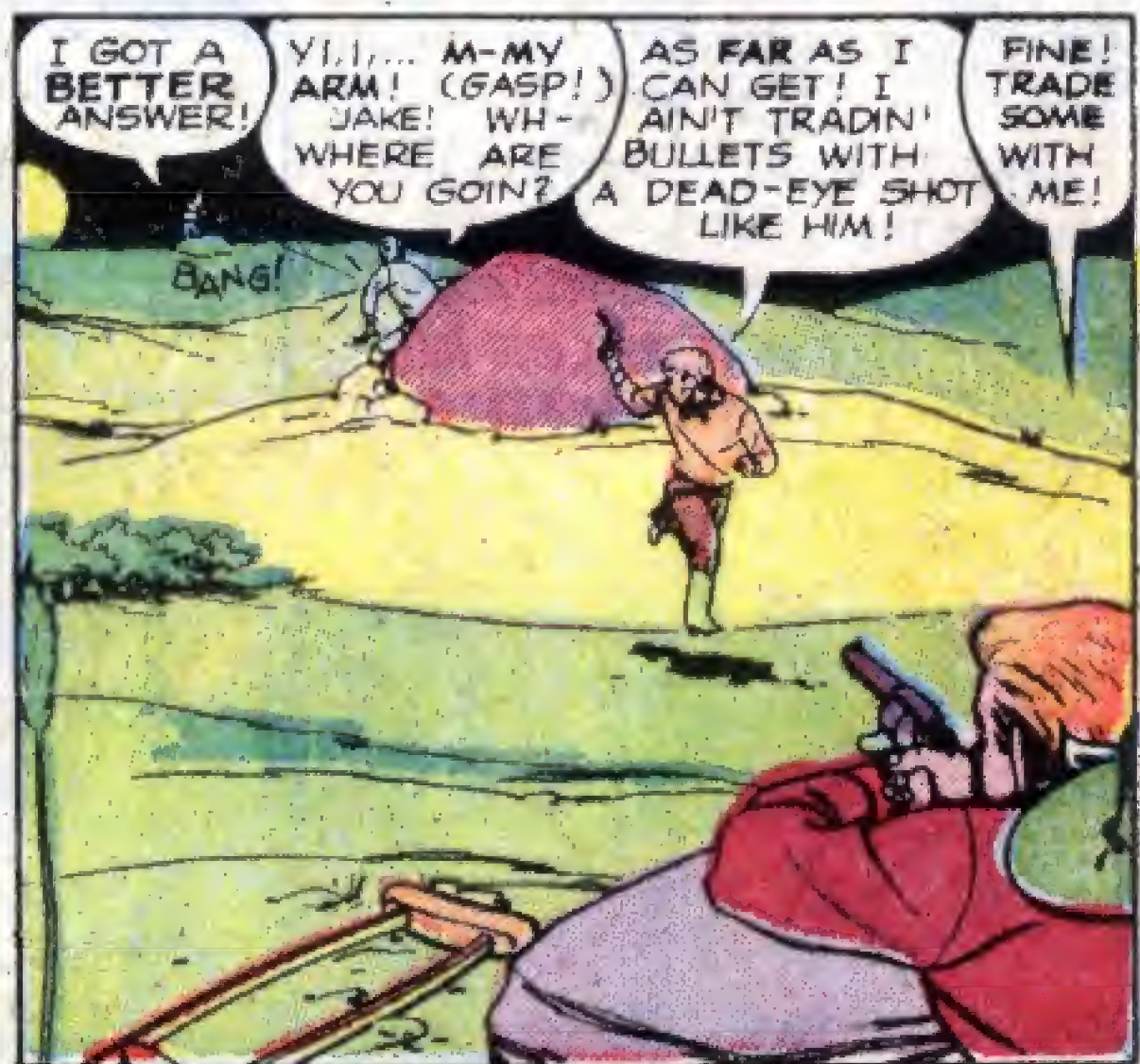
REMEMBER WHAT YOU RATS SAID ABOUT A .45?

CRAIG! IT'S THEM!

WE'RE DONE FOR, UNLESS...

WELL, IF IT AIN'T THE TWO KILLERS OF THE OLERVILLE STICK-UP





STRAIGHT AS AN ARROW!

by C.H. MOORE

DRAWN ESPECIALLY FOR "BLACK DIAMOND"



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AND TOBACCO

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MAN BY THE INDIANS - TOBACCO
WAS SACRED TO THE INDIANS AND
THEY BELIEVED IT WOULD CURE ILLS -
WARD OFF EVIL SPIRITS AND BRING
GOOD FORTUNE!



UNDERGROUND
TEMPLES

WERE BUILT IN GEORGIA IN 1400 A.D!
THEY WERE HOLLOWED OUT OF RED
CLAY AND COULD ACCOMMODATE 50 BRAVES
THEY WERE MEETING PLACES OF THE MACON TRIBE FOR
WORSHIP AND COUNCIL!



THE
SWASTIKA

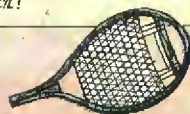
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AN INDIAN RELIGIOUS SYMBOL
- IT REPRESENTED THE FOUR
DIRECTIONS OF THE WORLD -
NORTH - EAST - SOUTH - WEST



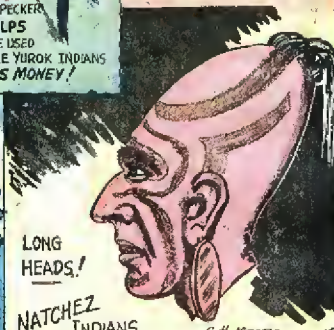
THE POW-HATAN INDIANS FOUND IT SO HARD TO KINDLE
A FIRE THAT THEY CARRIED THEIR FIRES WITH THEM -
EVEN IN THEIR WOODEN CANOES!



WOODPECKER
SCALPS
WERE USED
BY THE YUROC INDIANS
AS MONEY!



THE SNOW SHOE
IS AN INDIAN INVENTION



LONG
HEADS!

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INDIANS
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